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A series of world maps showing B, L, and J (flux) contours at various heights between the earth's surface and 3000 km above sea level have been produced. Total field intensity, magnetic L-values, and electron and proton fluxes were computed, using the 99-term Hendricks and Cain field expansion for 1960,0, projected to 1965.0. Integral fluxes were calculated with Vette's RF2 electron and AP1-AP4 proton models which describe the trapped radiation environment prior to 1965. The minimum-B equator is included in all maps. It was obtained for each altitude level by tracing the appropriate geomagnetic field lines into space and by determining the position of their equatorial points.

ABSTRACT

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### INTRODUCTION

The B and L contours presented with this paper are updated versions of similar ones published in 1965 by Roederer et al. (Reference 1). In many instances the B and L contours are used to study the trapped radiation environment. In order to facilitate this work, a set of comprehensive flux maps has been added to the series.\* This arrangement is functional and facilitates the correlation of the material.

A total of 31 maps for each parameter, B and L, has been produced for successive altitudes 100 km apart, ranging from the earth's surface to 3000 km above sea level. The flux contours completed at the time of this writing are also presented in steps of 100 km and extend only from 100 to 1000 km above the oblate geoid; they are constructed separately for protons and electrons and are represented in sets of six integral energy thresholds per altitude. No differential energy fluxes were included in this effort because past requests and inquiries have been exclusively oriented towards integral flux values. If the scientific and engineering community indicates sufficient interest in differential maps, these may be added to the next updated version of this work, to be issued in about a year. Furthermore, because the environment models were produced from integral and broad band energy measurements, no great accuracy can be assigned to the spatial distribution of a differential band.

The minimum-B equator is calculated with a program developed for another study. In all maps, the continents are indicated by grey shading, and maps depicting surface projections of some typical circular orbits have been included.

#### METHOD

#### Map Generation

For a given altitude level, a grid is generated with constant intervals of two degrees in latitude and three degrees in longitude. At the grid points, the magnetic parameters B and L, and the instantaneous electron and proton fluxes for the given integral energies, are calculated and stored.

The location of the desired B or L contours is then determined latitudinally by an exponential, and azimuthally by a linear interpolation. The obtained positions are cross-correlated and the matrix elements are ordered into plotting vectors, or arrays, from which the curves are drawn by computer.

A similar procedure is employed for the construction of the J maps, but only after the environmental spectra have been applied to the positional fluxes at the grid points and the resulting J-values at the following cut-off energies have been stored:

Protons	E > 3  MeV	5 MeV	15 MeV	30 MeV	50 MeV	100 MeV
Electrons	$\mathbf{E} > 0 \text{ MeV}$	.5 MeV	1 MeV	3 MeV	5 MeV	7 MeV

# B, L, and Flux Calculations

The magnetic field strength, B, is calculated with McIwain's latest MAGNET subroutine employing the 99-term geomagnetic field model by Hendricks and Cain for the epoch 1960.0, projected to 1965.0 (Reference 3). The L-parameter is computed with Hassit and McIwain's new INVAR subroutine (Reference 4).

Flux calculations are based on Vette's composite environment models: the AE2 for electrons (Reference 5), and the AP1-AP4 for protons (Reference 6). Starting with the geocentric coordinates of the grid points, the magnetic parameters are computed and the fluxes are then calculated as functions of these parameters.

### Minimum-B Equator

The B<sub>a,n</sub>-equator is obtained through field line tracing with the LINTRA program (Reference 7), especially modified for this purpose. An iterative scheme is employed whereby line-of-force arcs are traced about the magnetic dipole equator and the positions of their B<sub>a,n</sub> values are located in geocentric coordinates; the process is continued for higher or lower lines until the specified altitude has been reached.

The repeated application of this procedure for starting points, incremented appropriately in latitude and longitude, yields the global equatorial intersect at a fixed constant height.

#### RESULTS

All contours are plotted on a Miller Cylindrical Projection. Improvements in the models, the codes, and the plotting techniques have greatly increased the accuracy of these maps over those previously published. The error in the location of the B and L curves does not exceed ±1 degree in longitude or ±.5 degree

<sup>&</sup>quot;These flux maps were proposed by Sassinopoulos in 1967 (Reference 2), and were initially intended as a supplement to Part 2 of Reference 2.

in latitude. The same is true for the minimum-B equator. The error in the flux curves, however, is twice as large because of the uncertainty in the primary data used (which is about a factor of 2 for both types of particles).

For every altitude level a set of six proton and six electron maps has been produced, depicting constant intensity contours for energies  $\rm E \, > \, E_0$  MeV, where  $\rm E_0 = 3$ , 5, 15, 30, 50, 100 and  $\rm E_0 = 0$ , 1/2, 1, 3, 5, 7 respectively, and relating to instantaneous, omnidirectional fluxes in units of particles per square centimeter per second.

The electron intensities shown in the maps are those given by the undecayed environment model (effective date: August 1964). Although updated figures for 1966-1967 were available through the DECAY subroutine (Reference 3), they are not included in this paper because of difficulties in plotting the resulting irregular and complicated contours.

#### DISCUSSION

#### Flux Contours

An interesting feature in the electron maps is the appearance at high magnetic latitudes of the "horns" or protrusions of the outer belt (page 20, Figure 34 of Reference 5) which show up as the elongated contours traversing the entire map from east to west, almost parallel to the B<sub>s.n</sub>-equator. In the northern magnetic hemisphere they merge in the low energy maps with the contours produced by the severe depression of the field (the Brazilian Anomaly), causing the tube of the radiation belt to bulge deeply into the atmosphere. For energies E > 3 MeV, the anomaly fluxes separate and become an isolated domain.

There are no such features in the proton maps, because the environmental models do not have similar prominences or horns (pages 46, 47, 48, 52, Figs. 55, 59, 62, 82, of Reference 6).

Some of the maps show small or large "islands," mostly along the prominences or around the anomaly. For the E > 0 MeV electron maps, these islands are probably due to the extrapolation of the environment from 0.5 MeV down to 0 MeV. For the E > 5 MeV and E > 7 MeV electrons, they are most likely part of the model data; this applies also to all proton "islands."

# Radiation Environments

#### Models

All experimental data used in the construction of the models were pitchangle integrated and were converted from unidirectional to omnidirectional, when not originally given in that form.

#### Protons

According to Vette\*, the proton fluxes from 300 to 1000 km have been very stable over the past nine years. At lower altitudes, time variations do occur

but they are still somewhat difficult to ascertain. For example, the effects due to (a) the starfish detonation, (b) the changes in the atmosphere with the solar cycle, and (c) the secular changes of the earth's magnetic field, are not yet clarified enough to determine a time-varying model in this region. Consequently, the description of the proton environment, as used in this report, is a static model consisting of AP1, AP2, AP3, and AP4 with an exponential spectrum of the form:

$$\frac{\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{I}} - \mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{I}}}{\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{0}}} = \mathbf{N}$$

where  $E_0=f(B,L)$  is the energy parameter,  $E_T$  is the assigned energy of the respective flux map, and E is the desired energy value. The integral intensity is then represented as:

$$\Gamma(>E, B, L) = F_T(B, L)*N$$

with  $F_{_{T}}$  being the omnidirectional, instantaneous flux at  $E_{_{T}}$  (Reference 6).

#### Electrons

As Vette points out, the electron situation, however, is very different\*. The inner zone conditions for the period from 1967 to 1971 are much more complicated. Recent evidence indicates that there are no natural sources of inner zone electrons for energies greater than approximately 700 kev. This means that the higher energy electrons are the residue of Starfish. It is reasonable to assume that they will continue to decay at the same rate as they have over the past 5 or 6 years. There seems to be no direct effect of solar activity on this decay. Therefore, by 1969, the inner zone electron contours for energies > 1 MeV and above should be decreased by about a factor of 12. The lower electrons seem to have reached their natural background levels by late 1966. The E > 0 energy contours have remained about the same as in 1964, and the E > 0.5 MeV have dropped about a factor of 6. Until a new electron model is generated, these are the best estimates that can be given.

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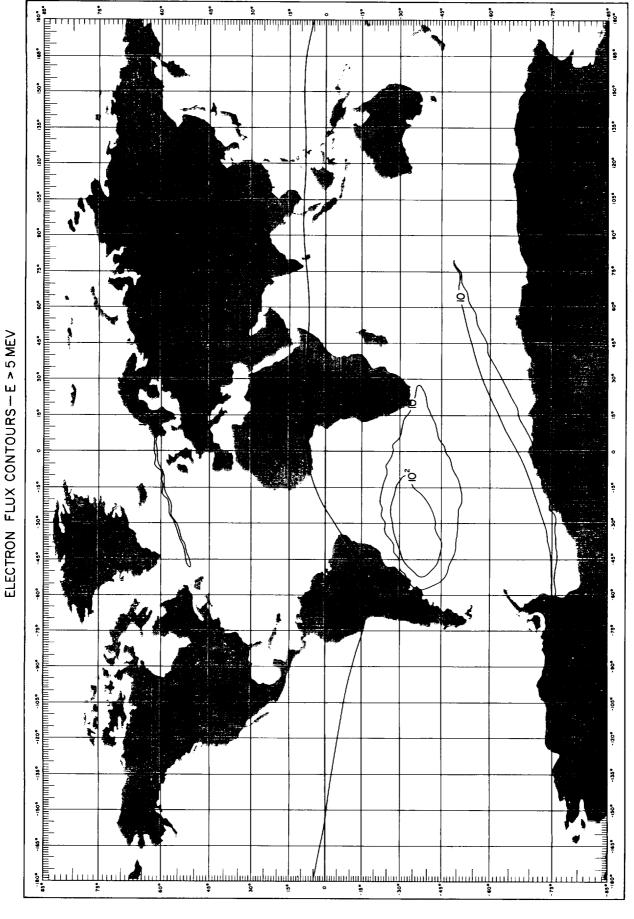
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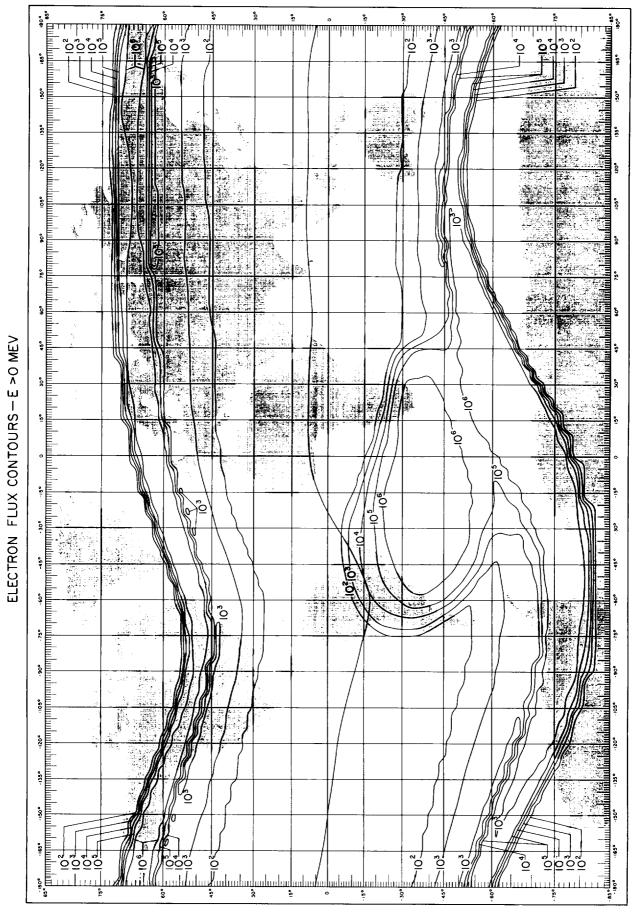
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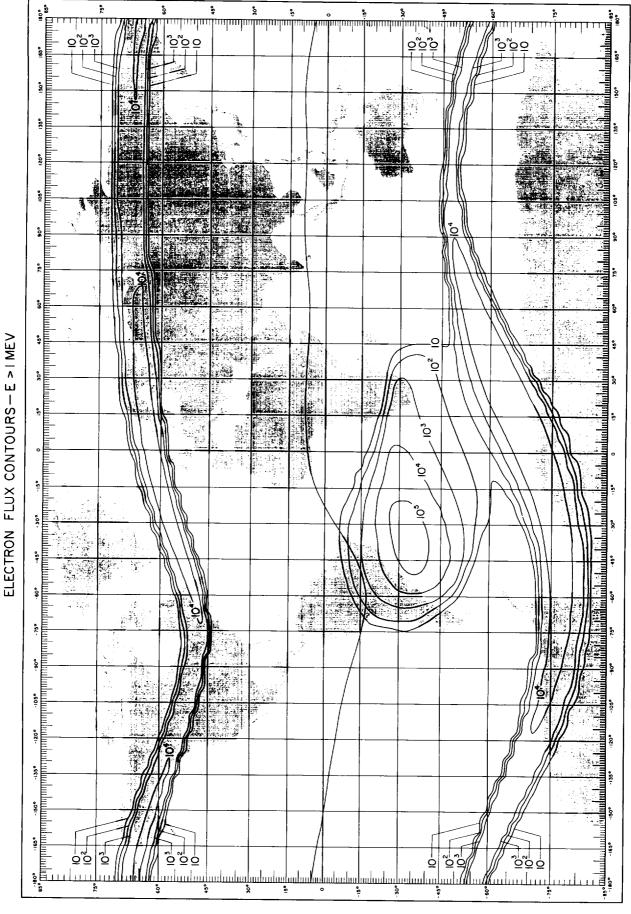
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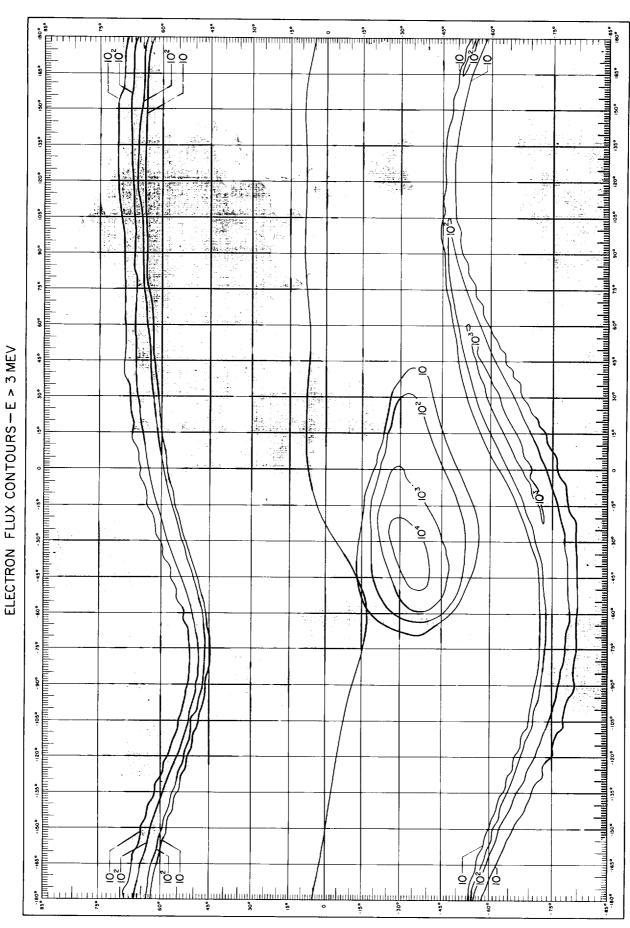


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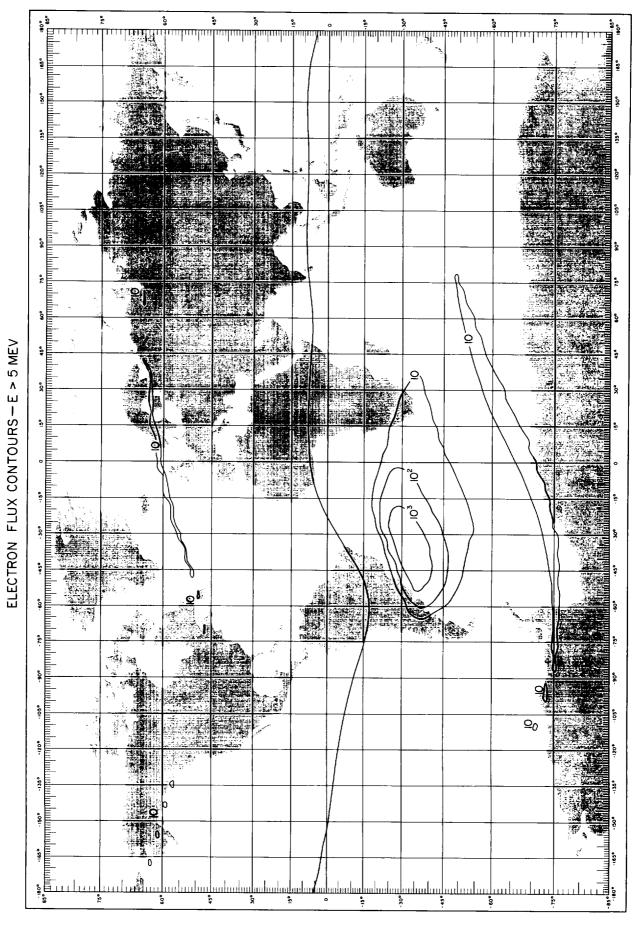
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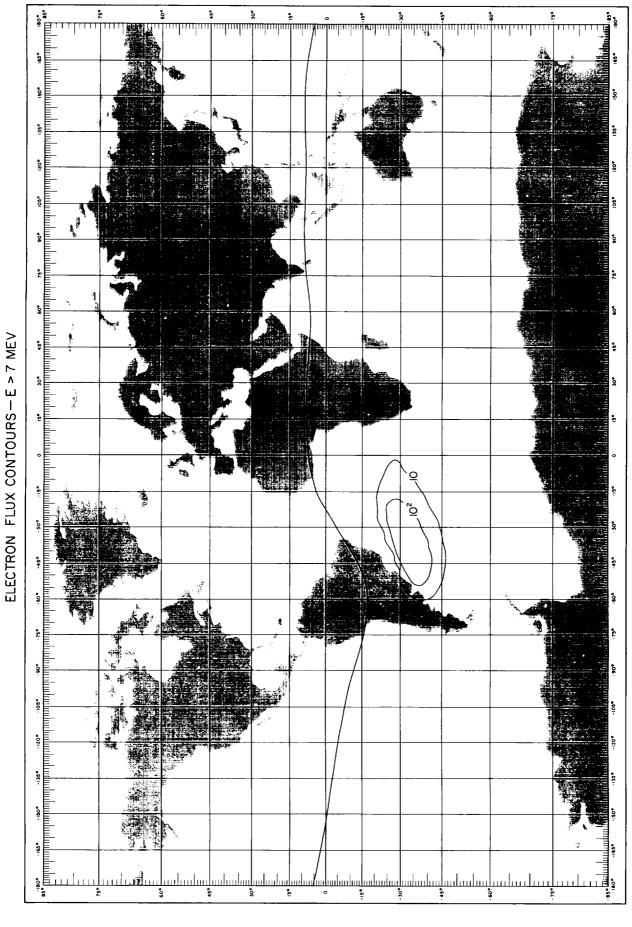


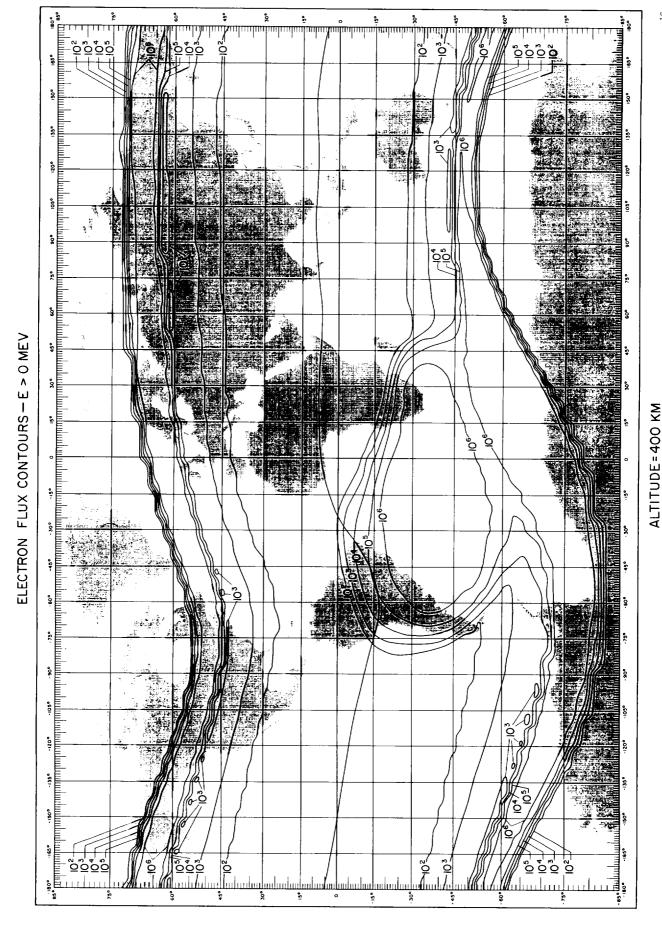
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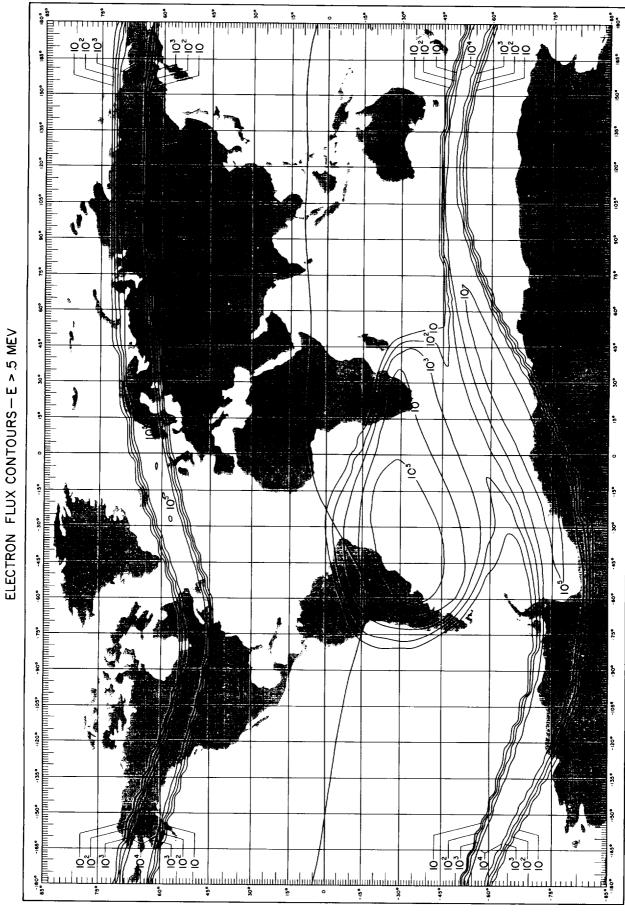
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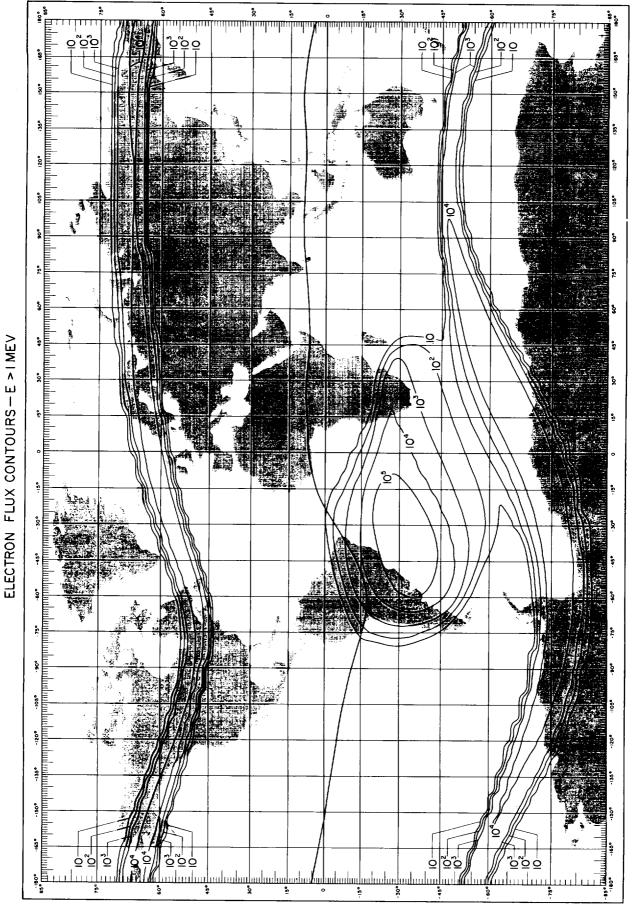




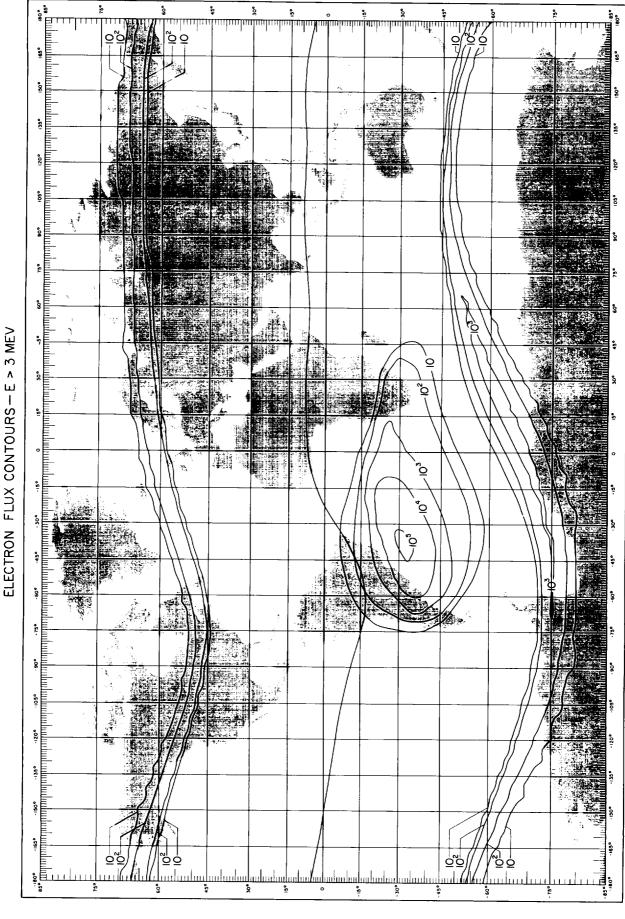


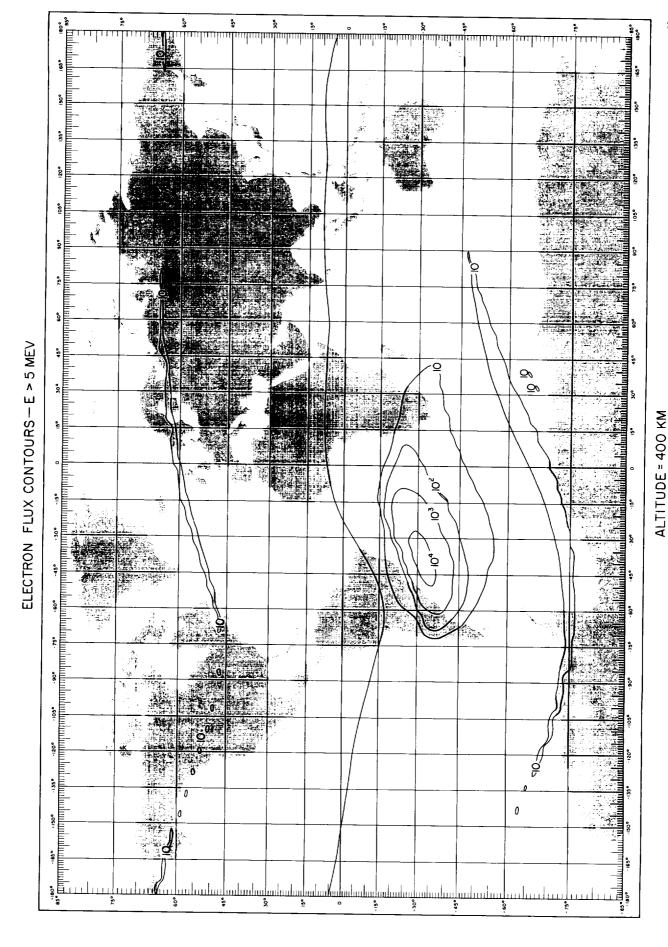
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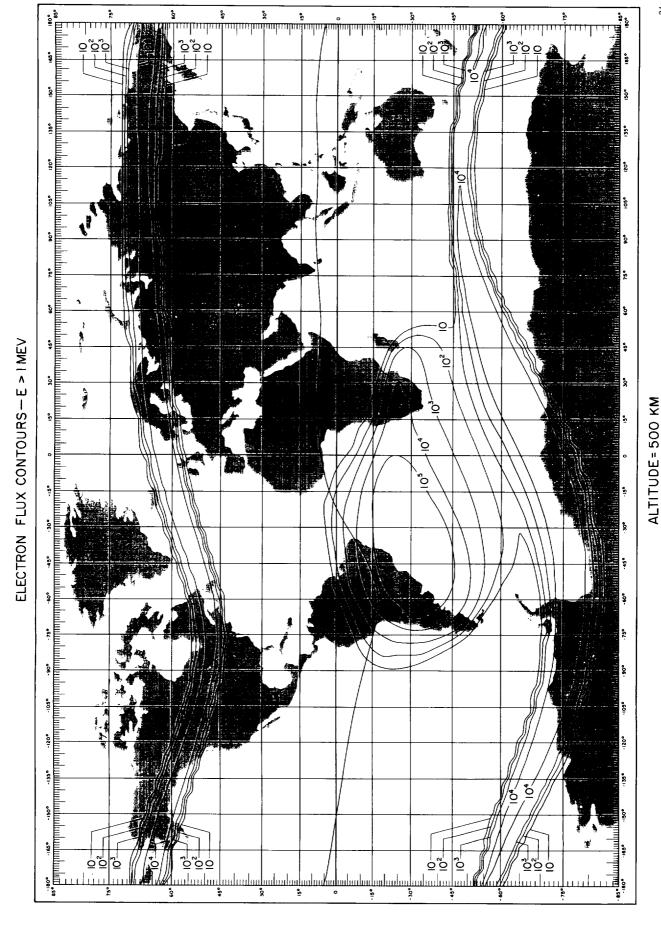
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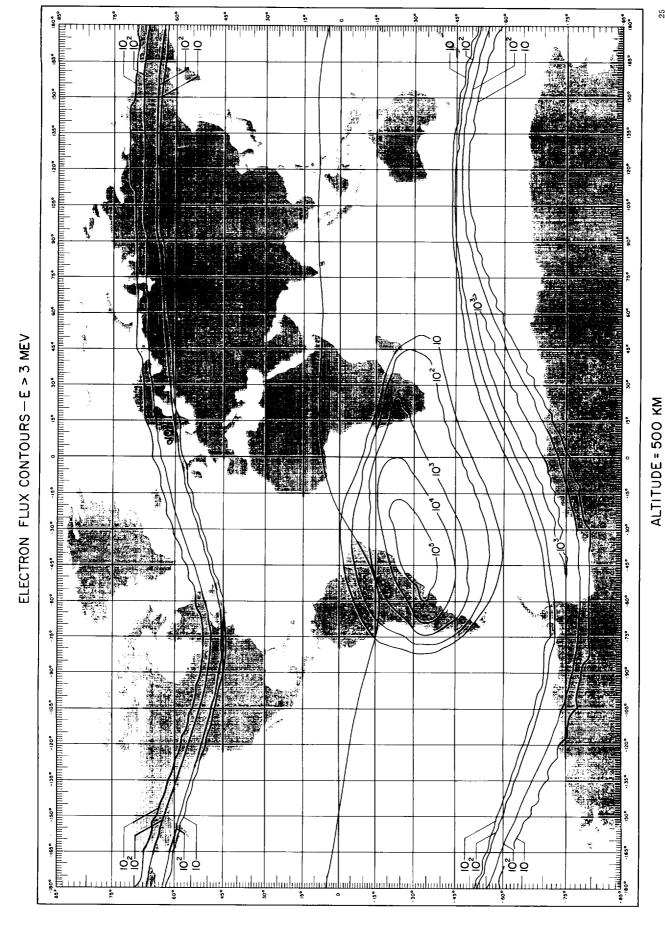
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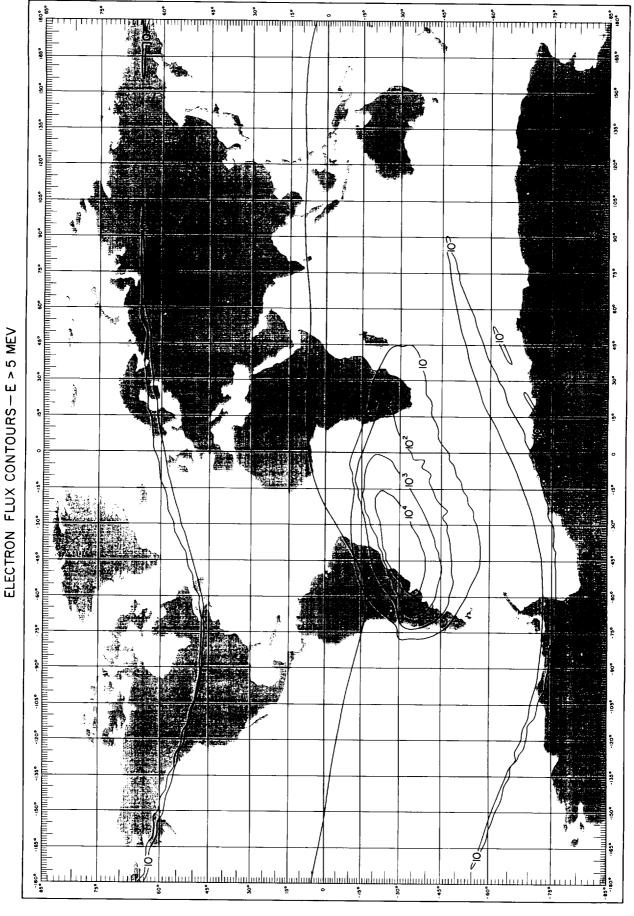
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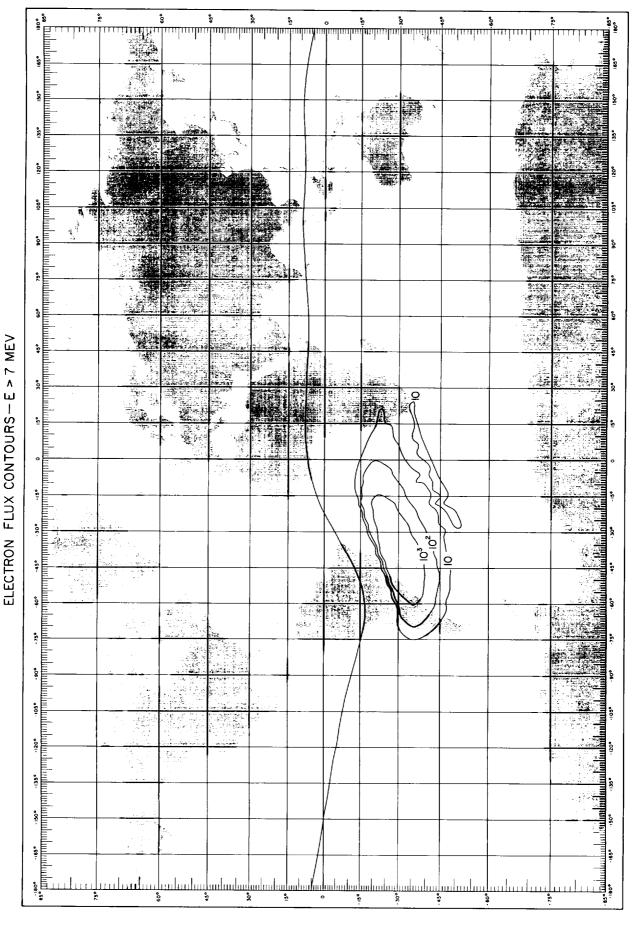




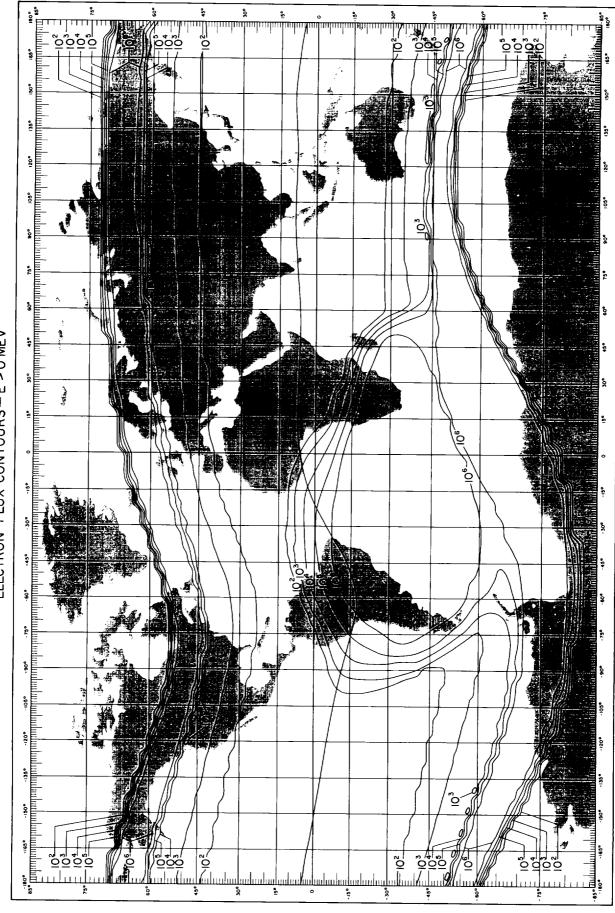


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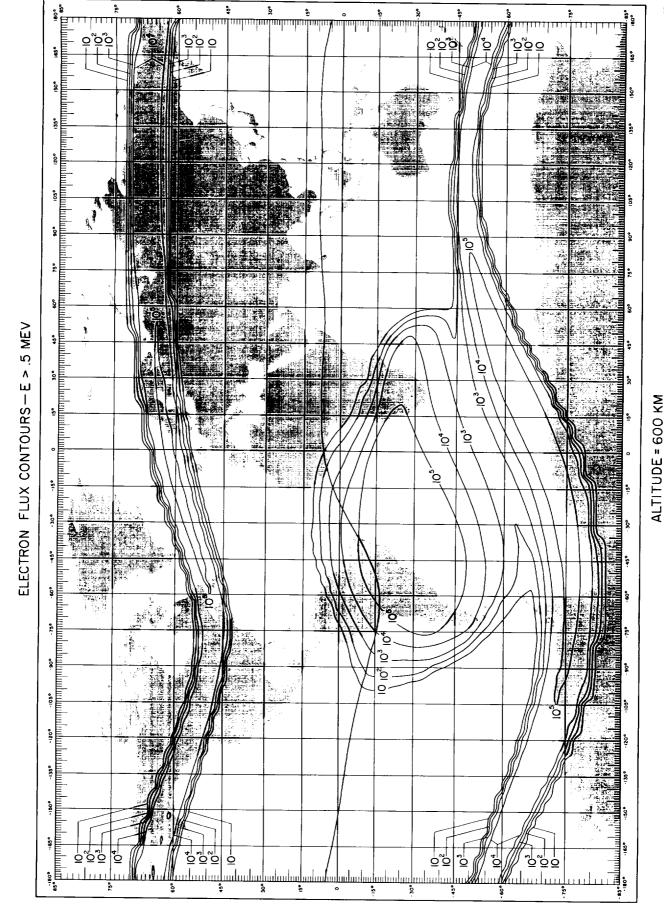


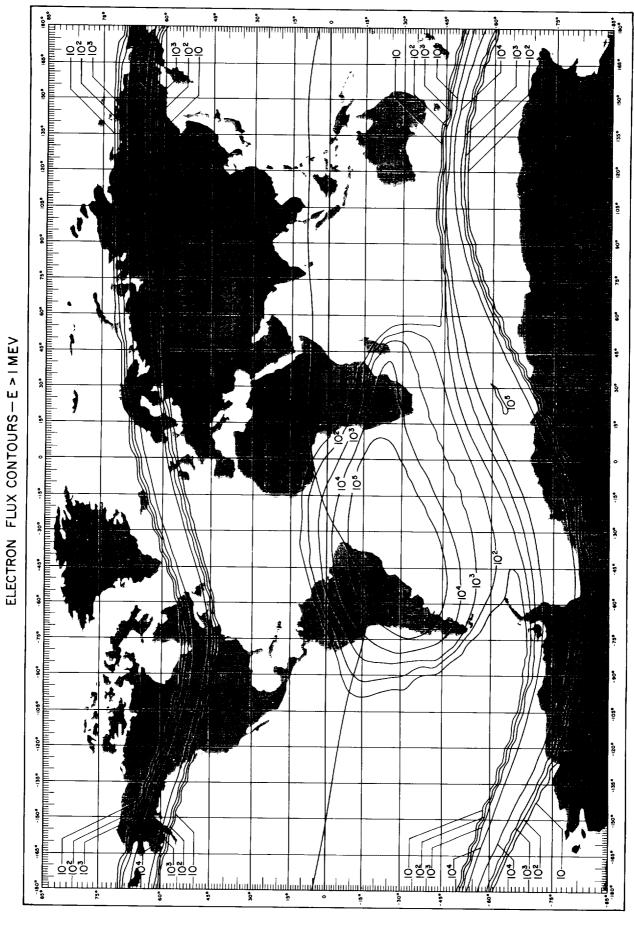


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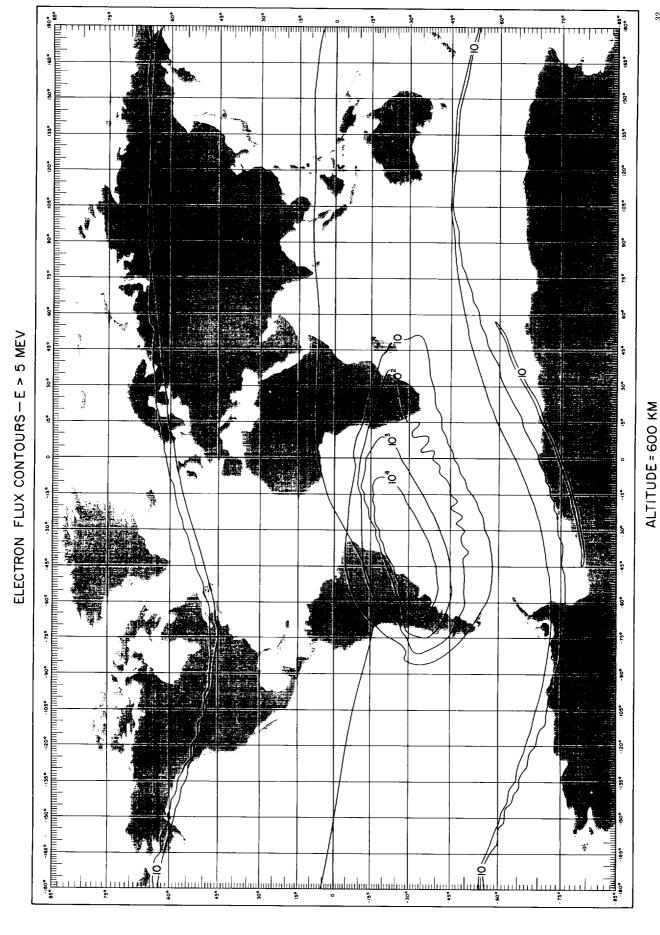


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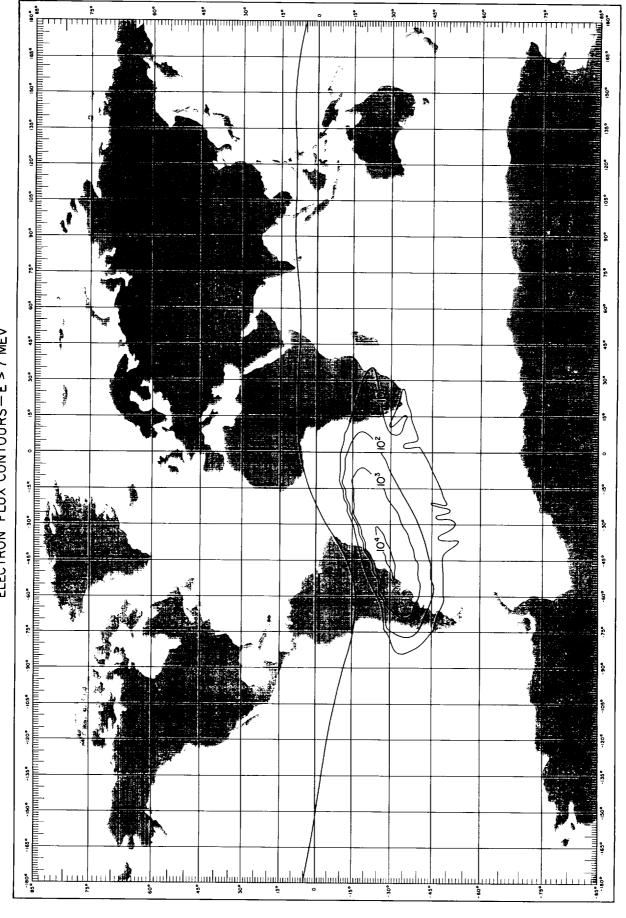
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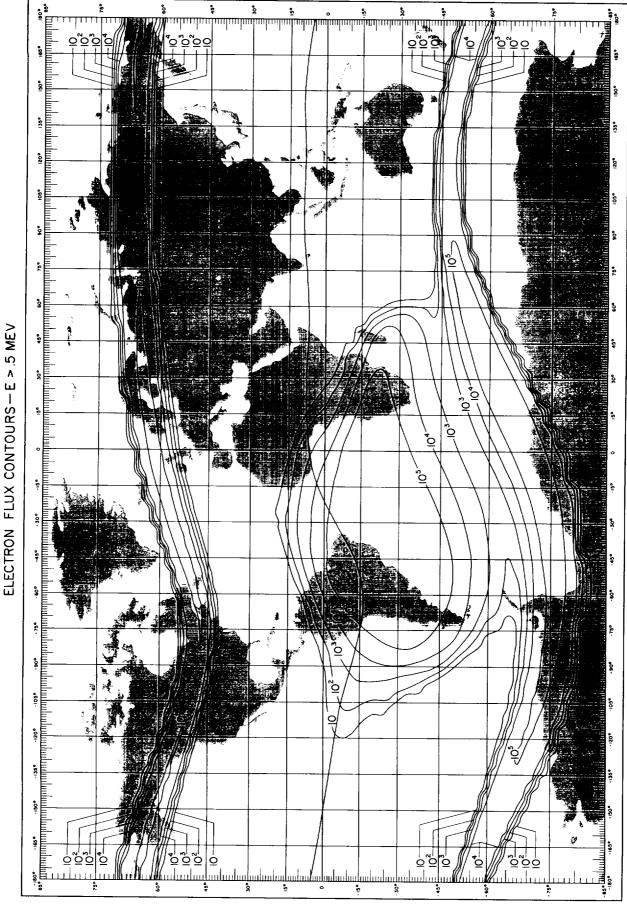


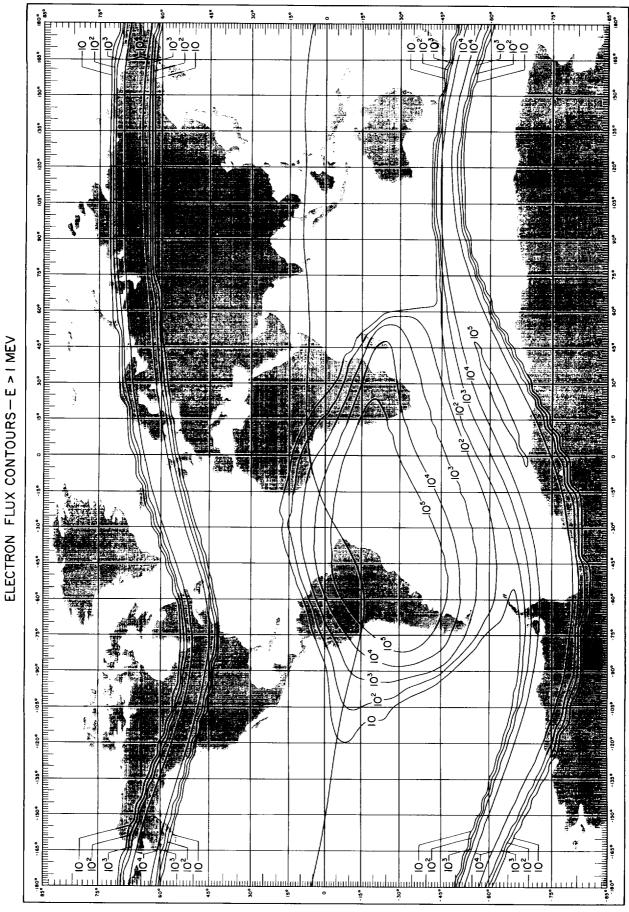
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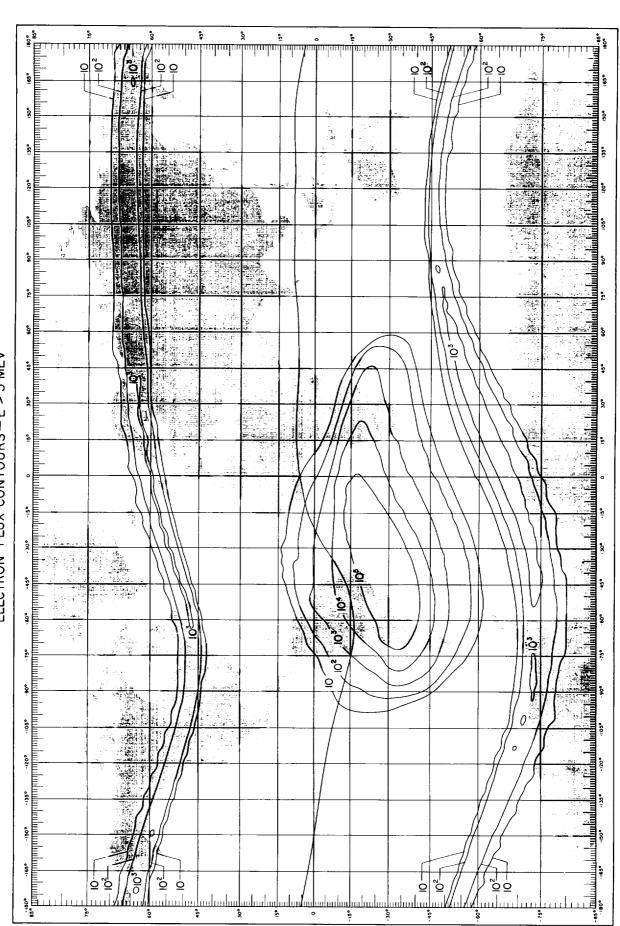
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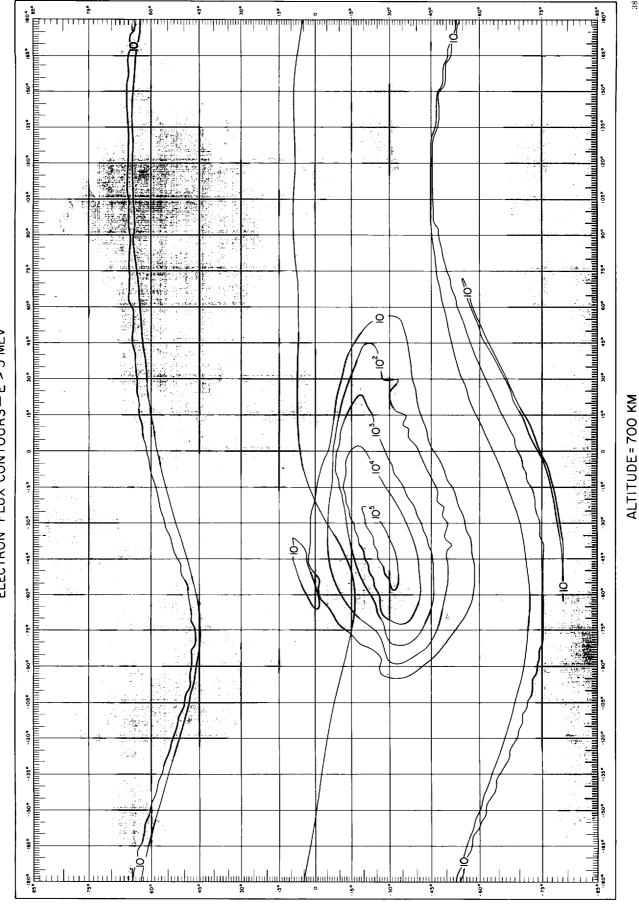
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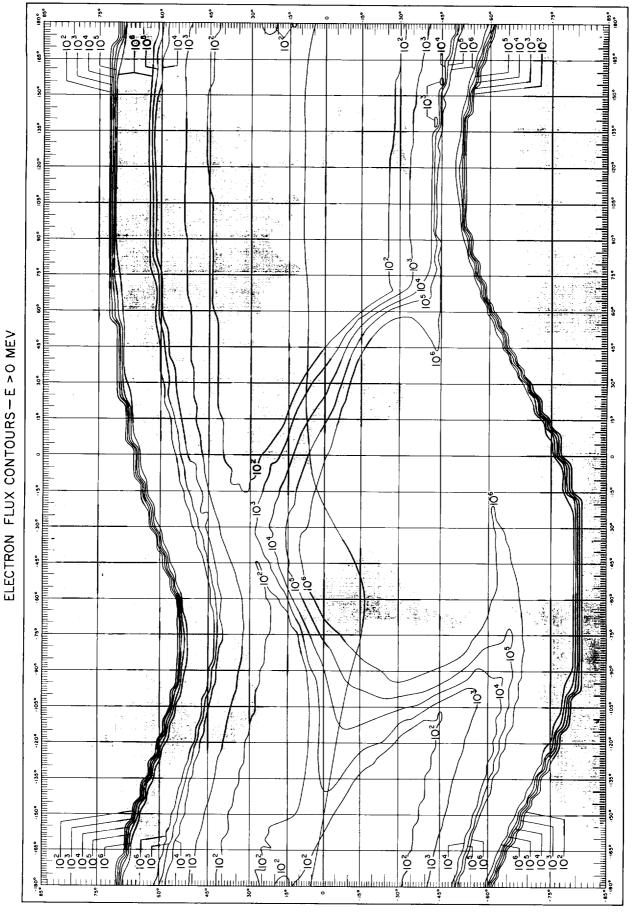
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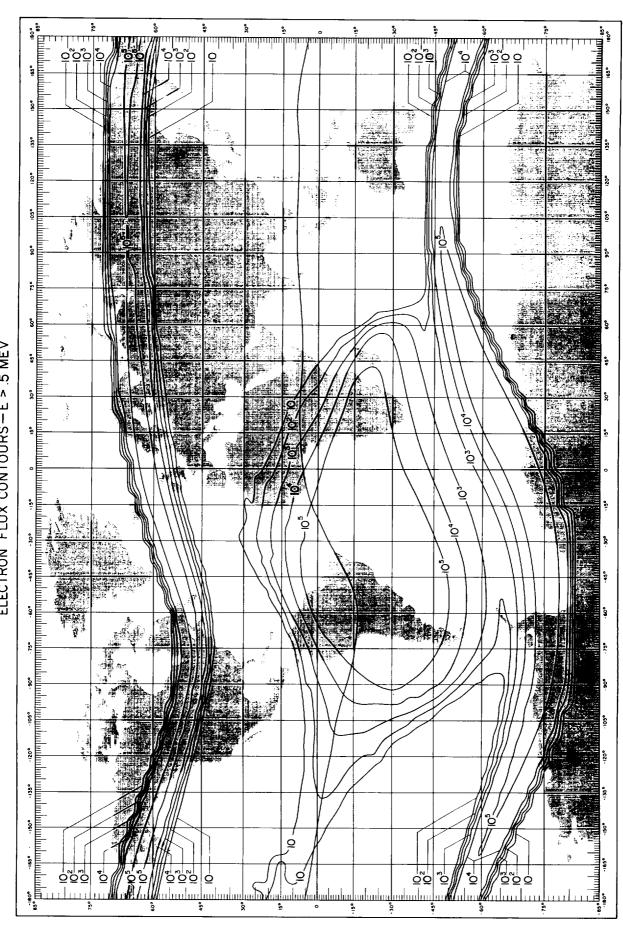
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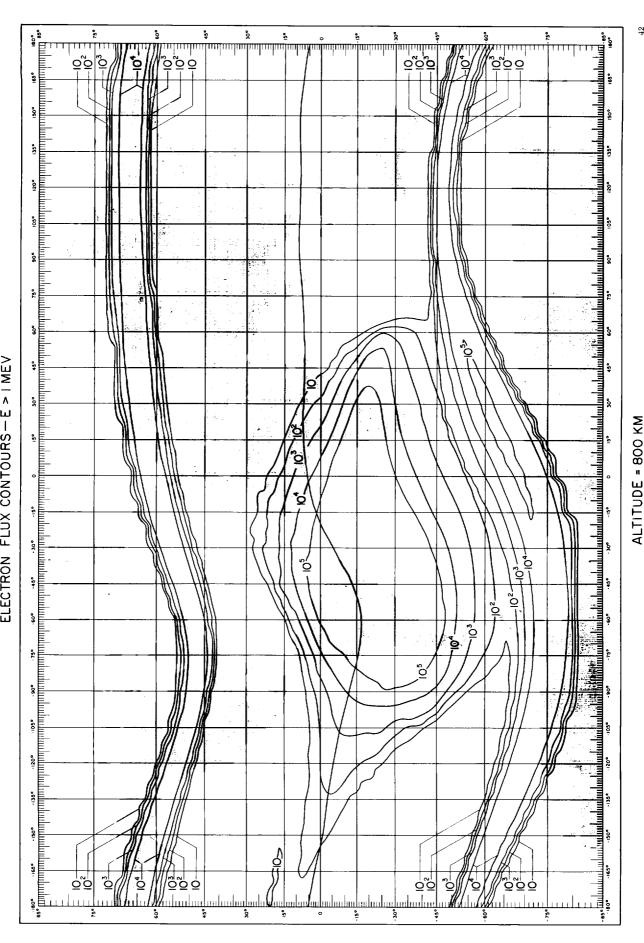


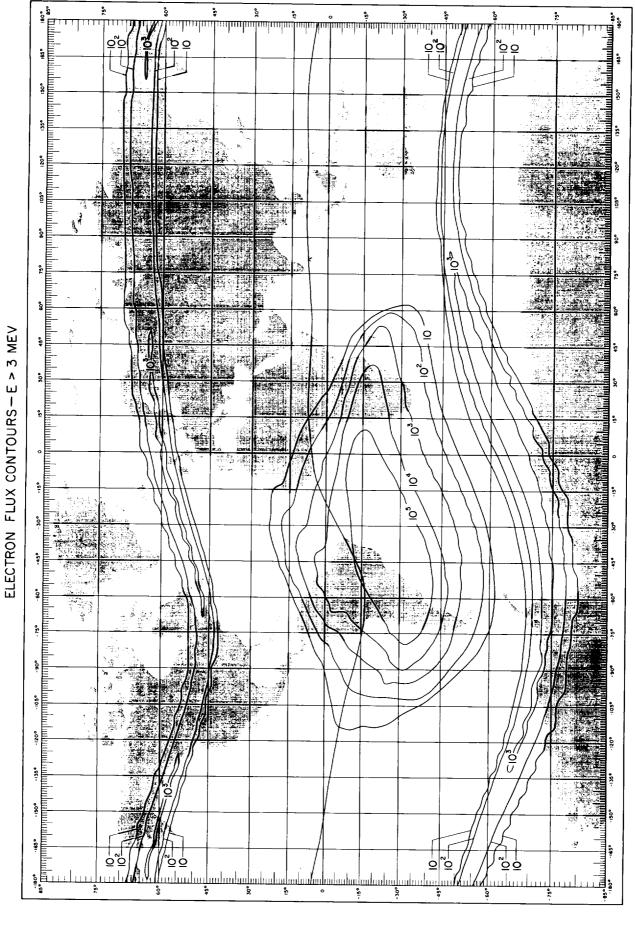
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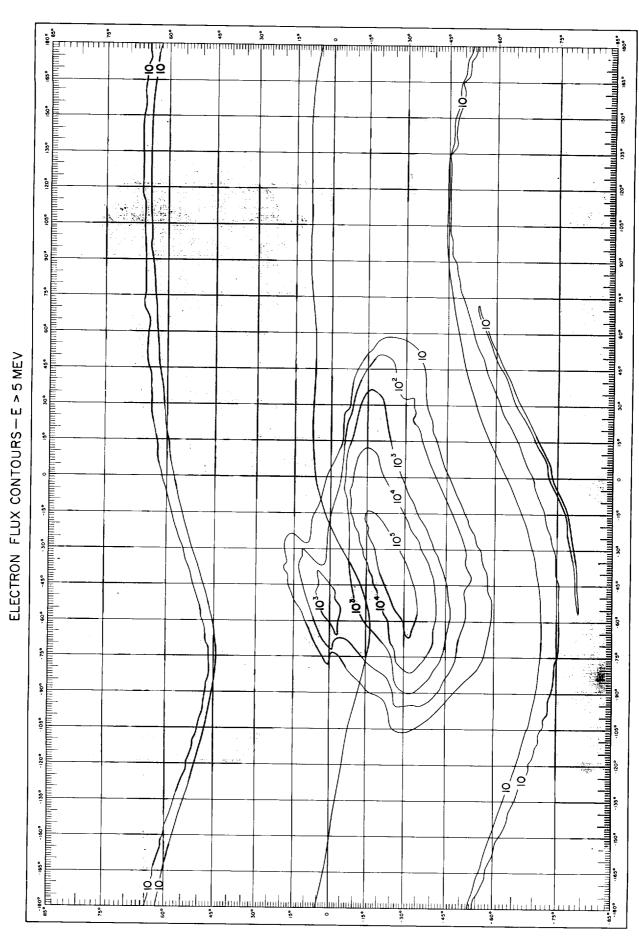
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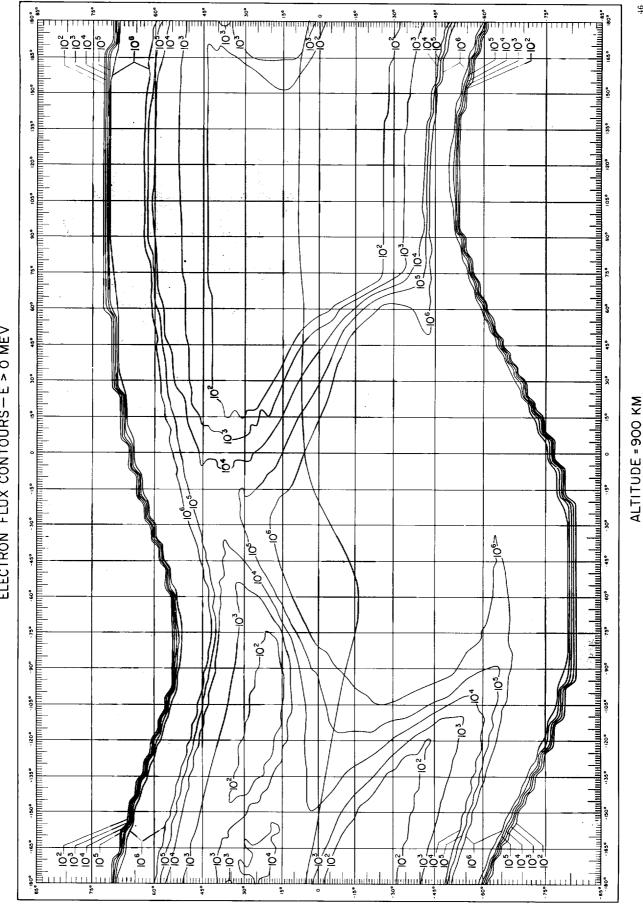
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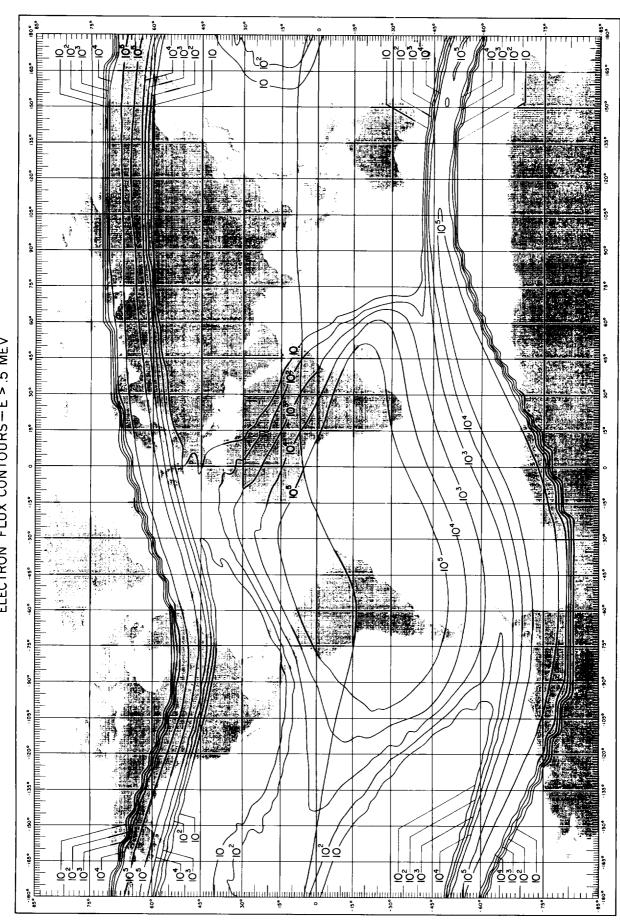
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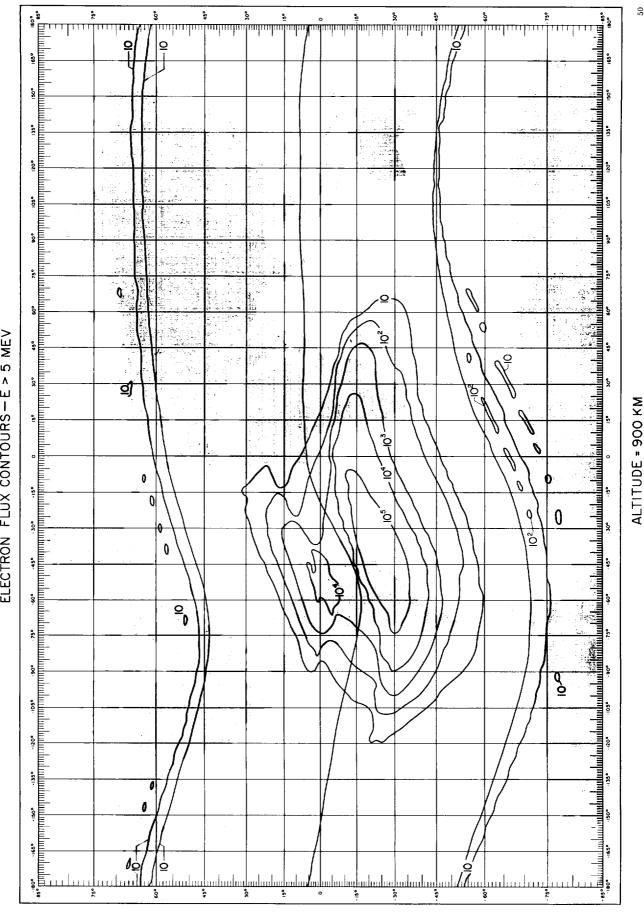
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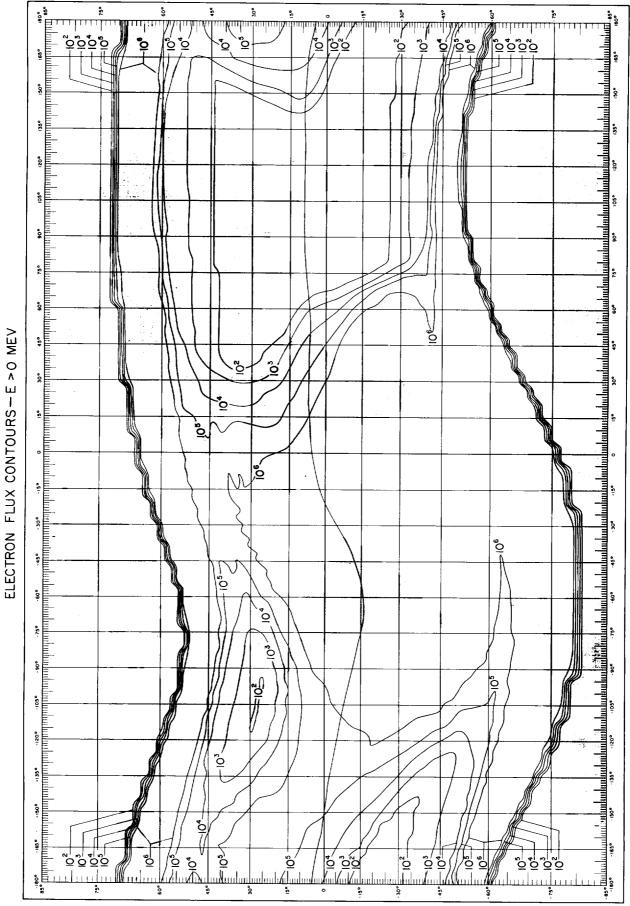
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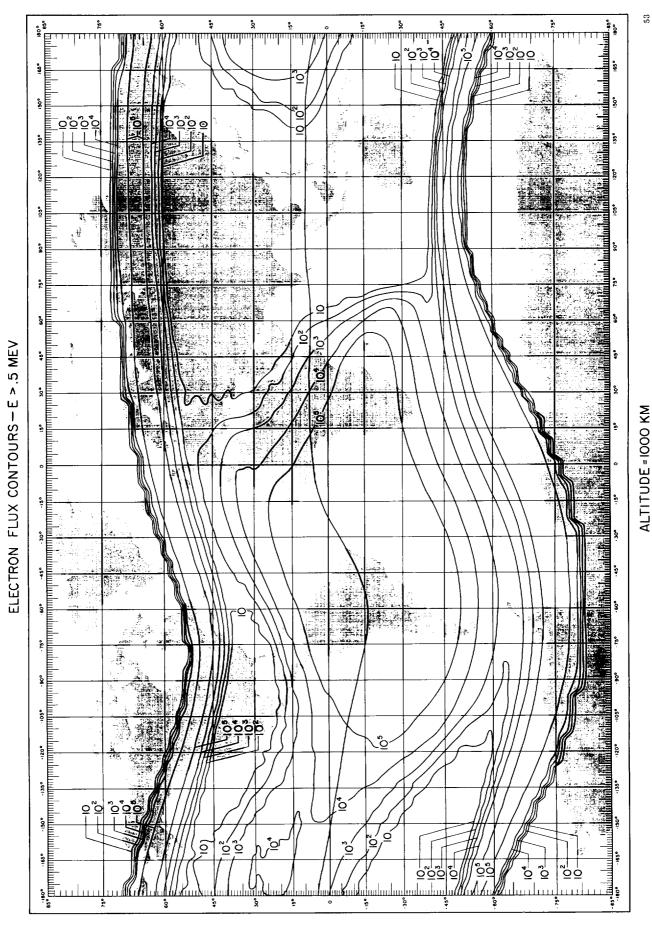
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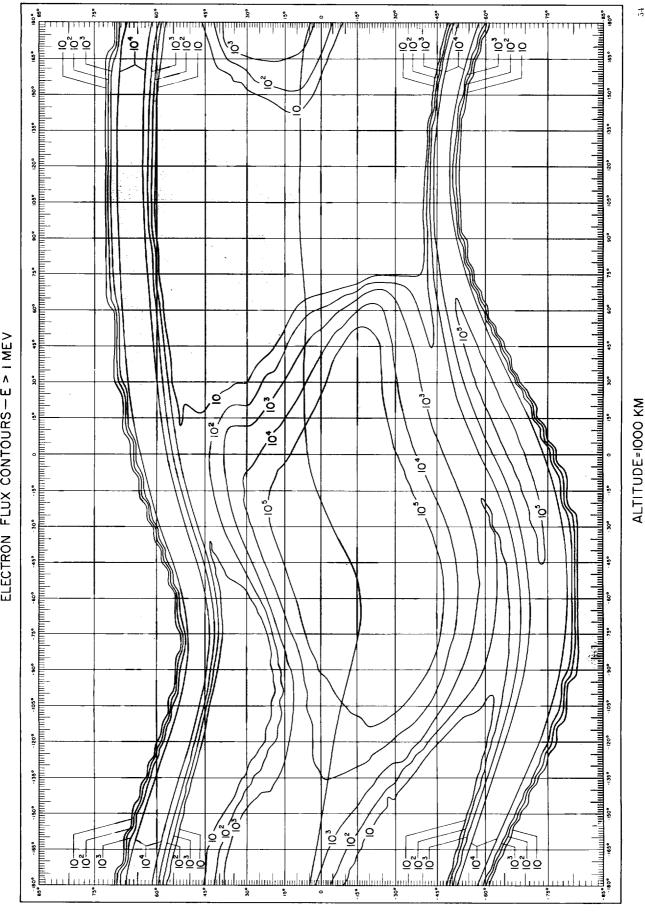
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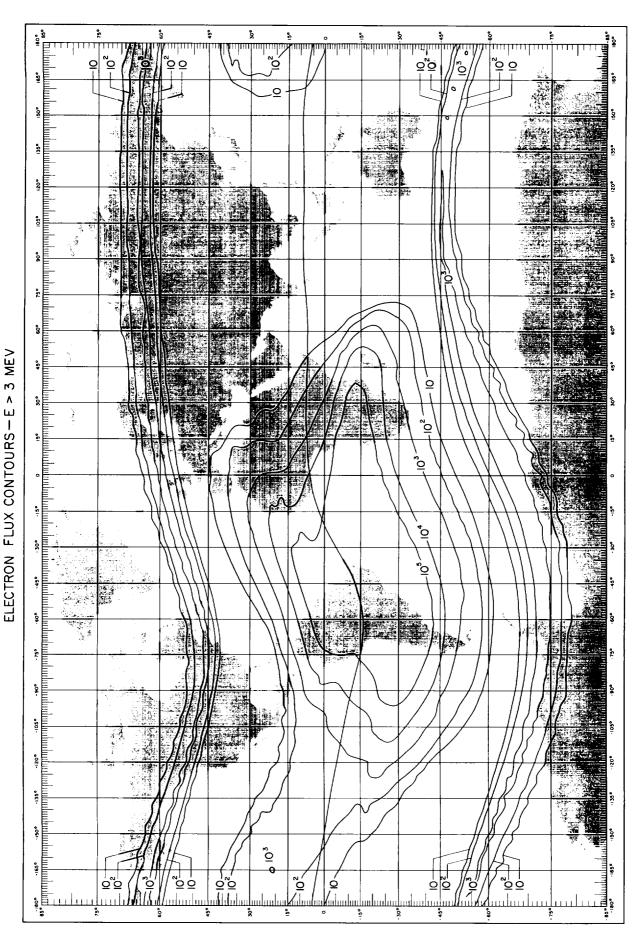
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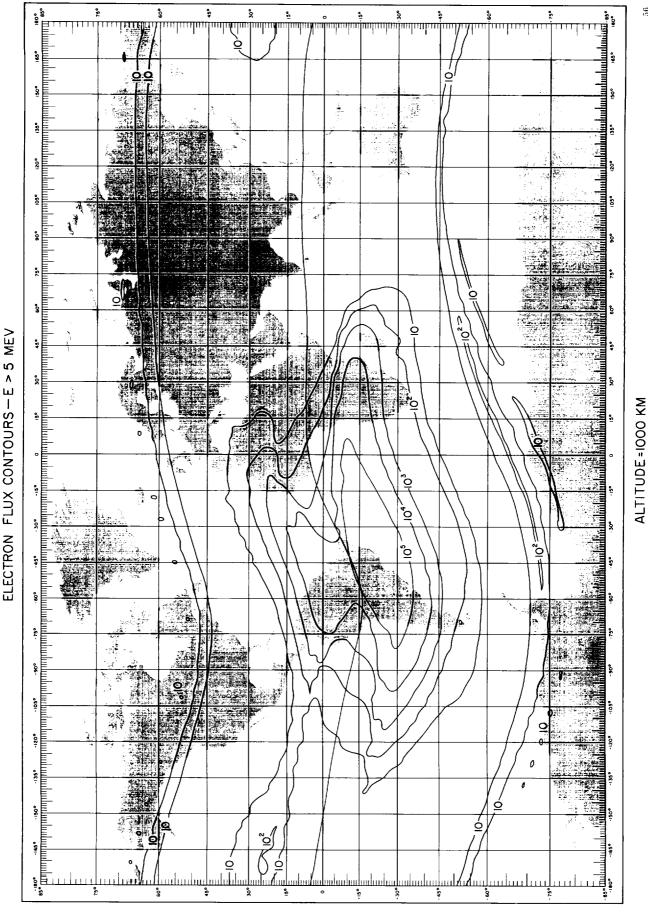
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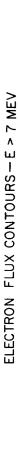


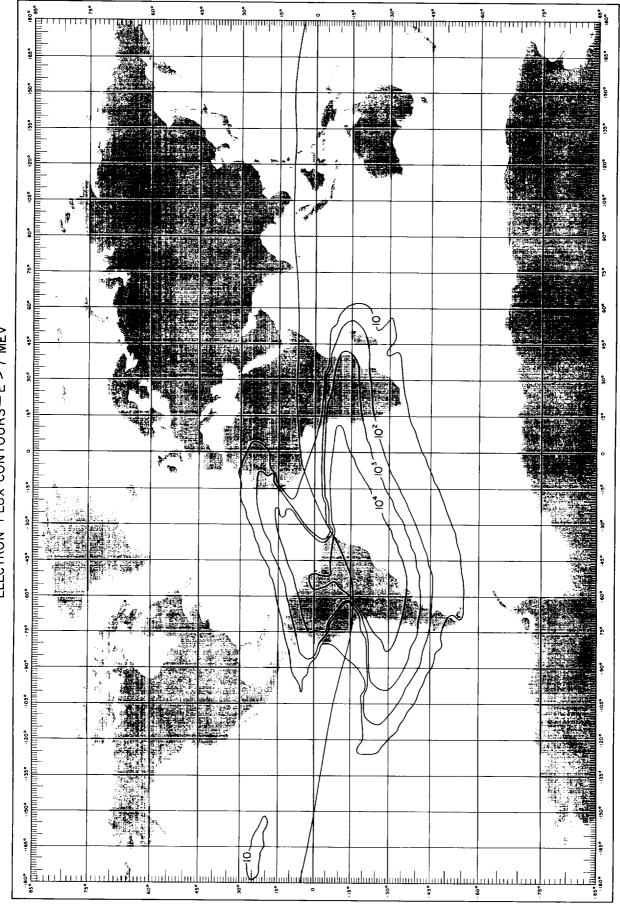
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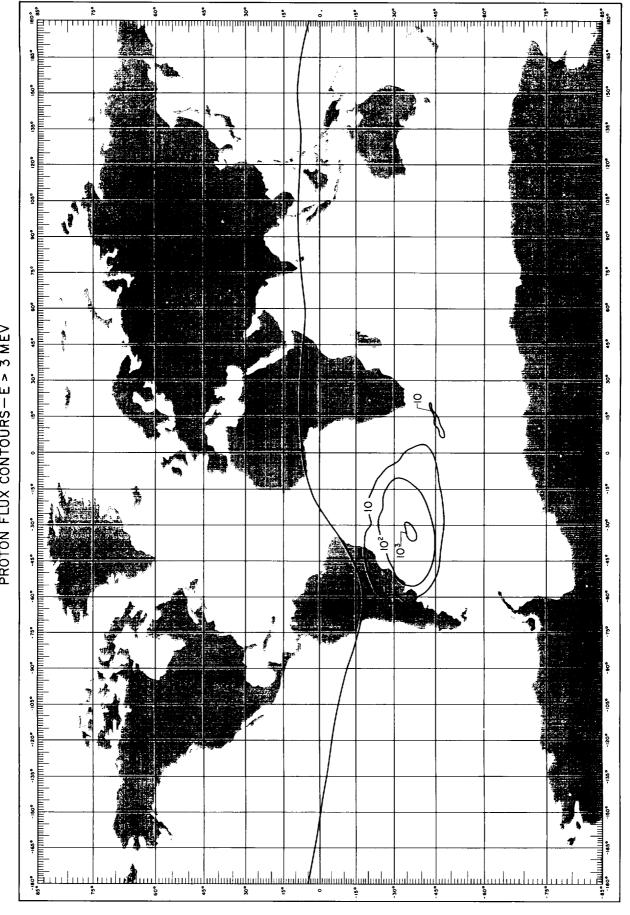






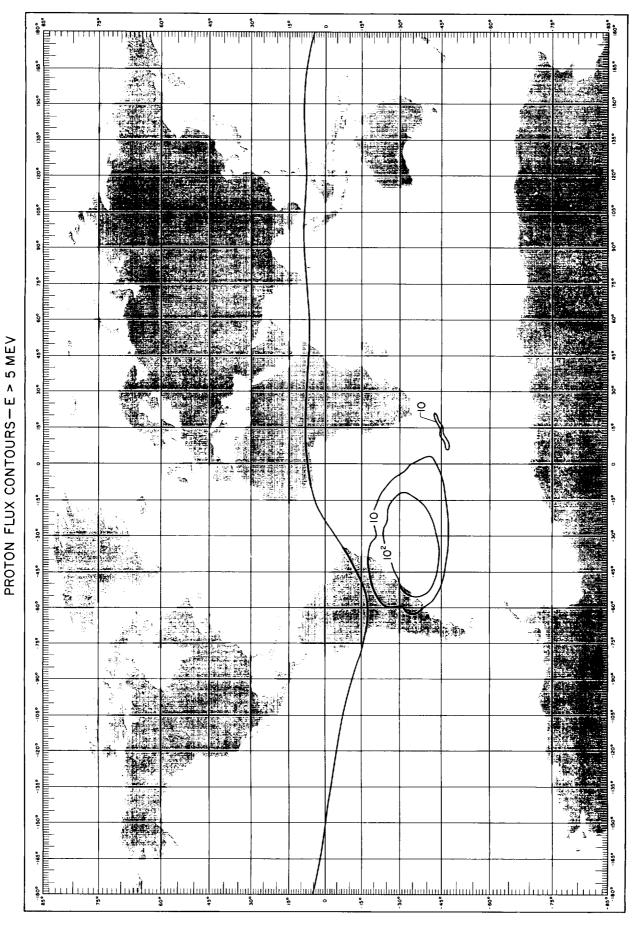






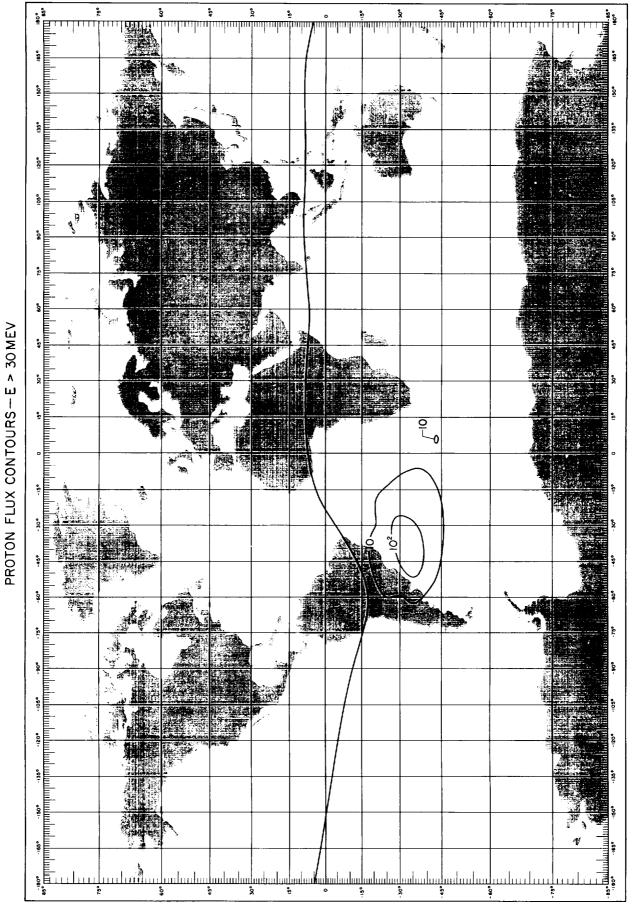
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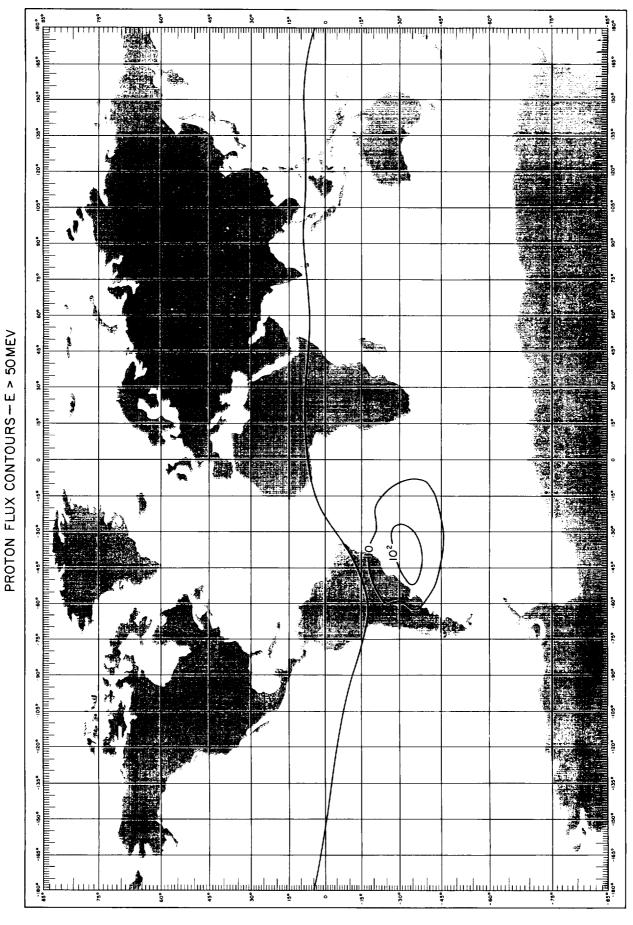




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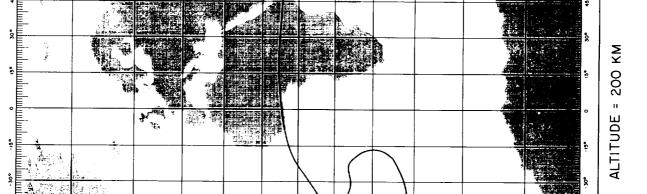
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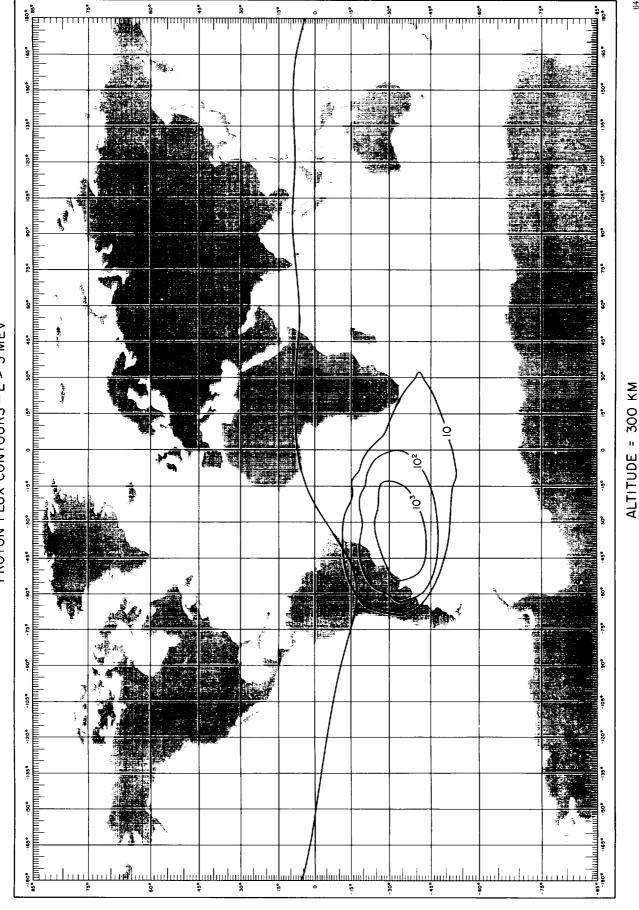
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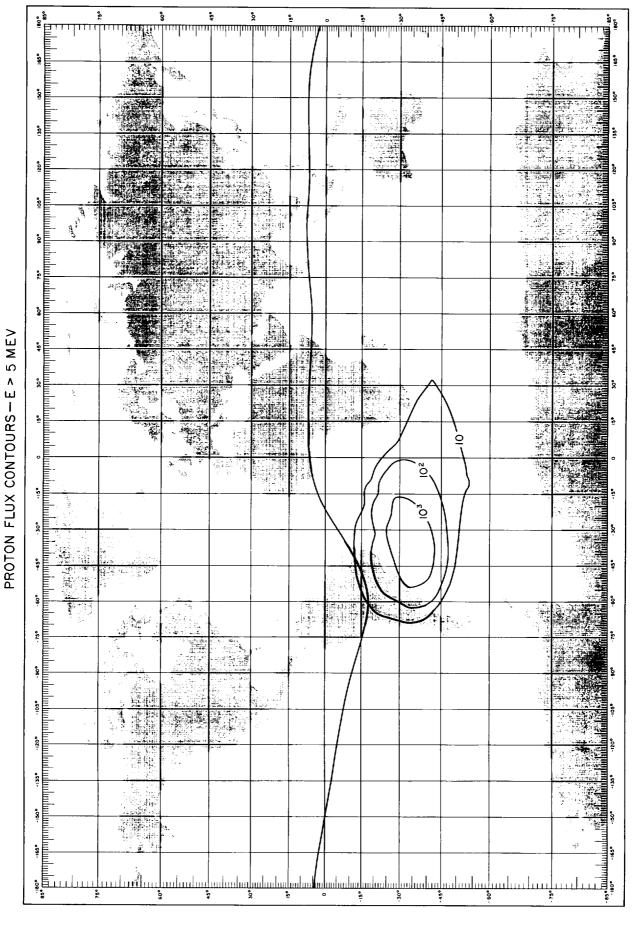
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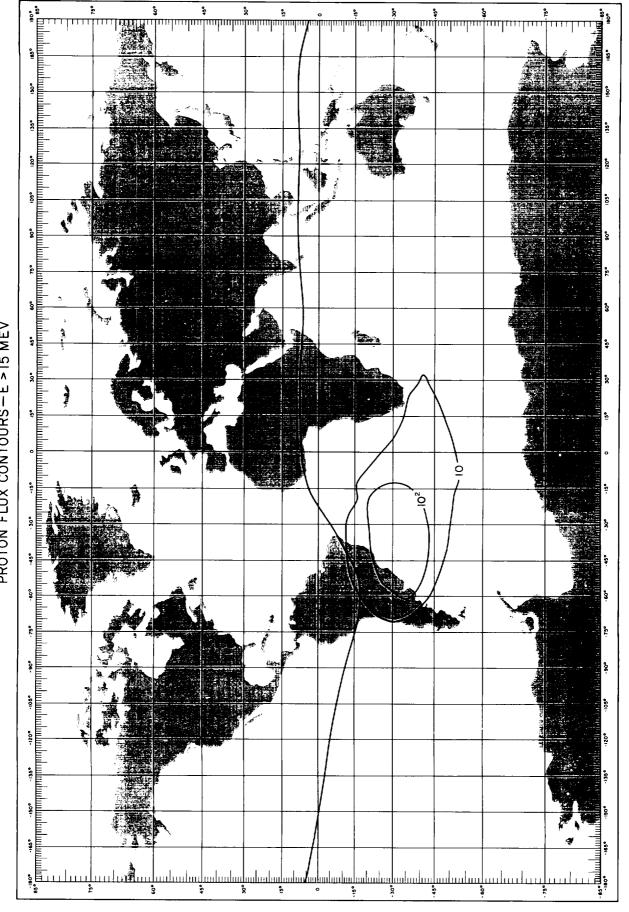
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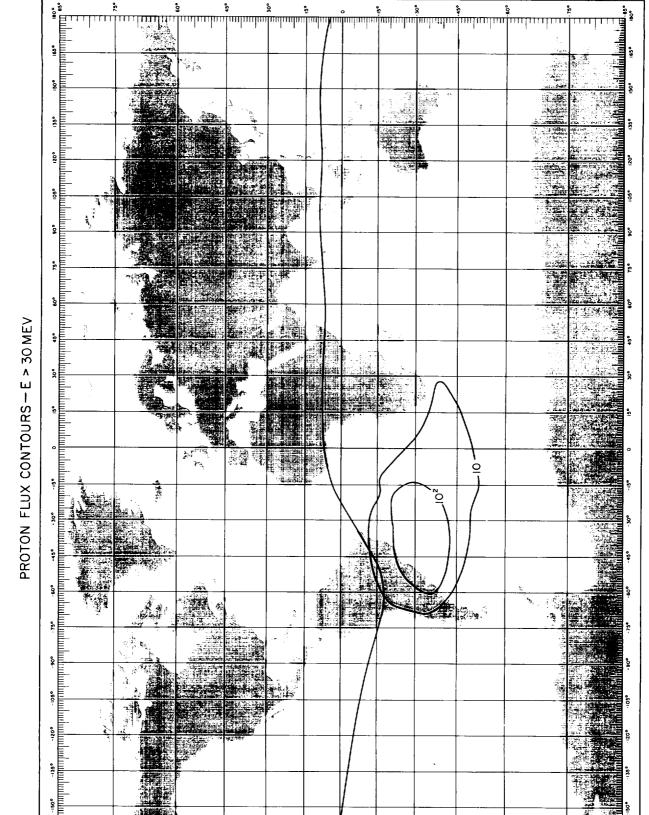




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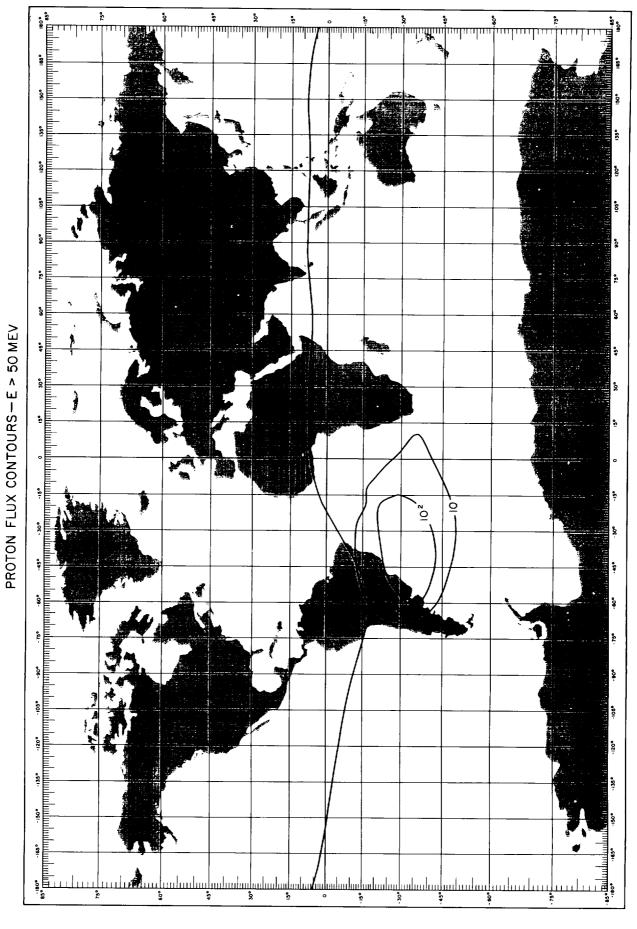
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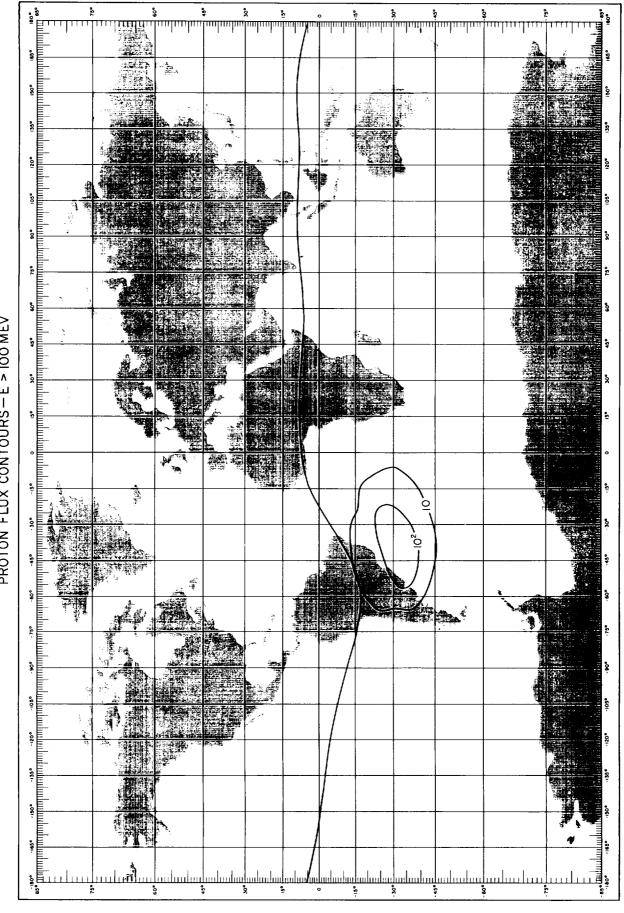
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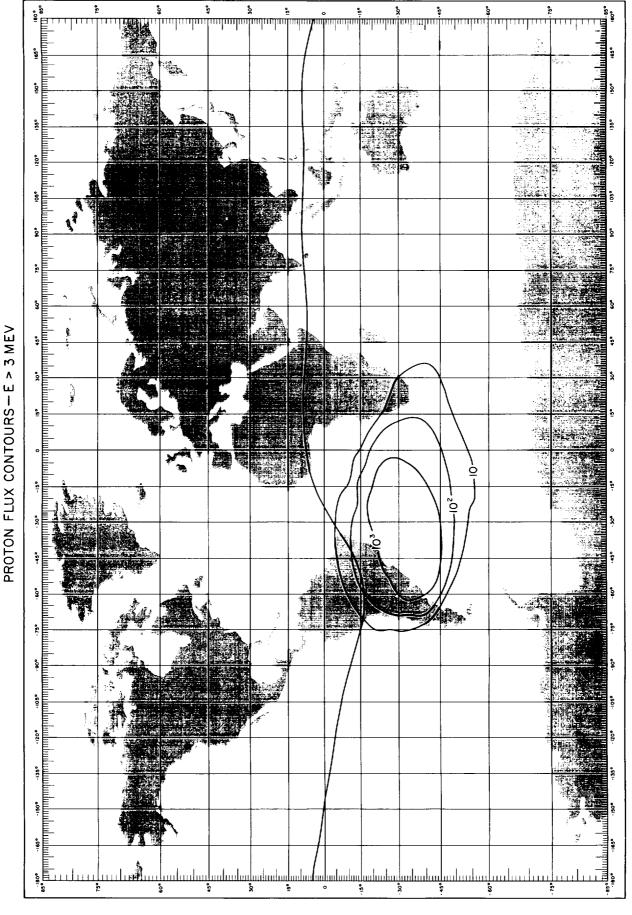


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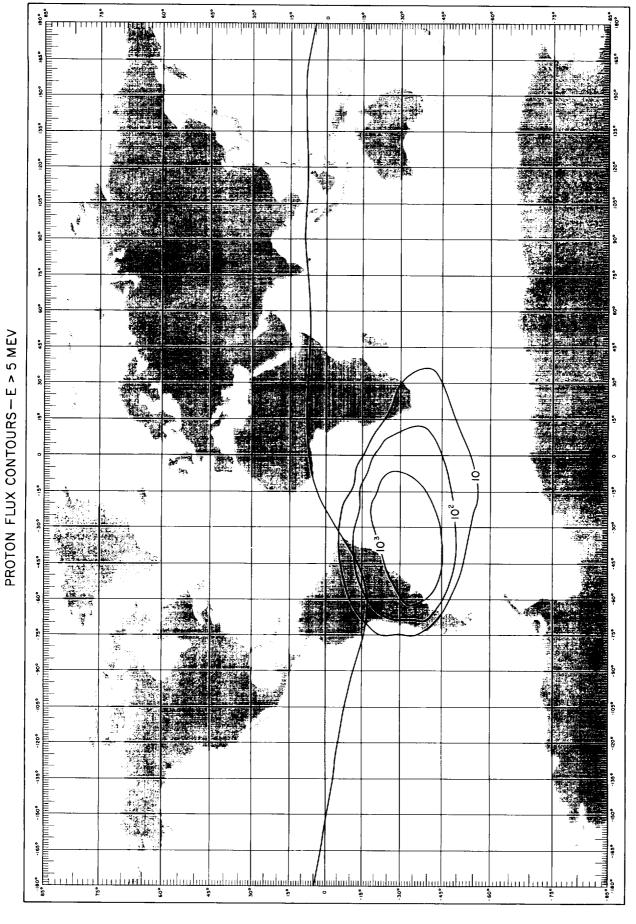




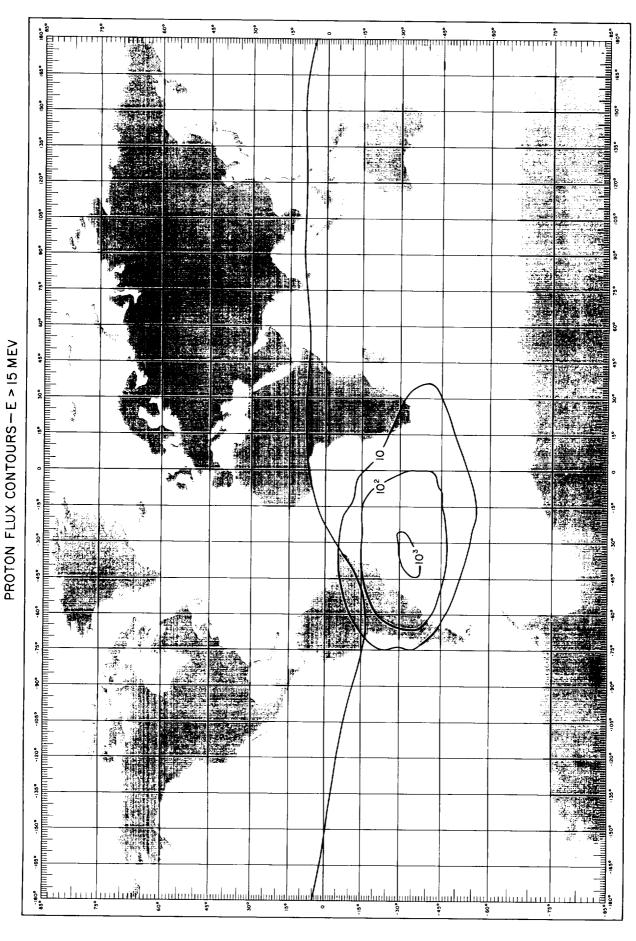
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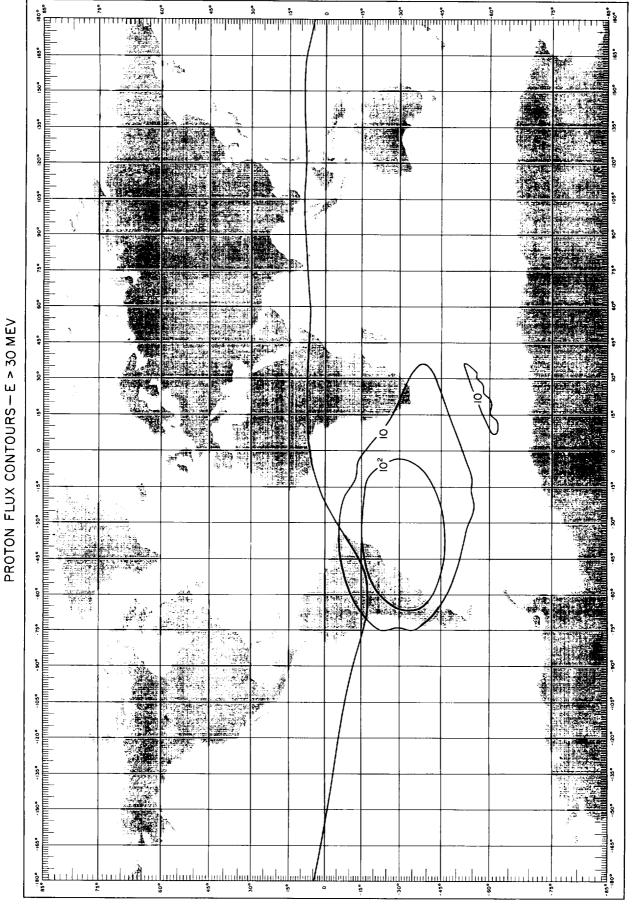
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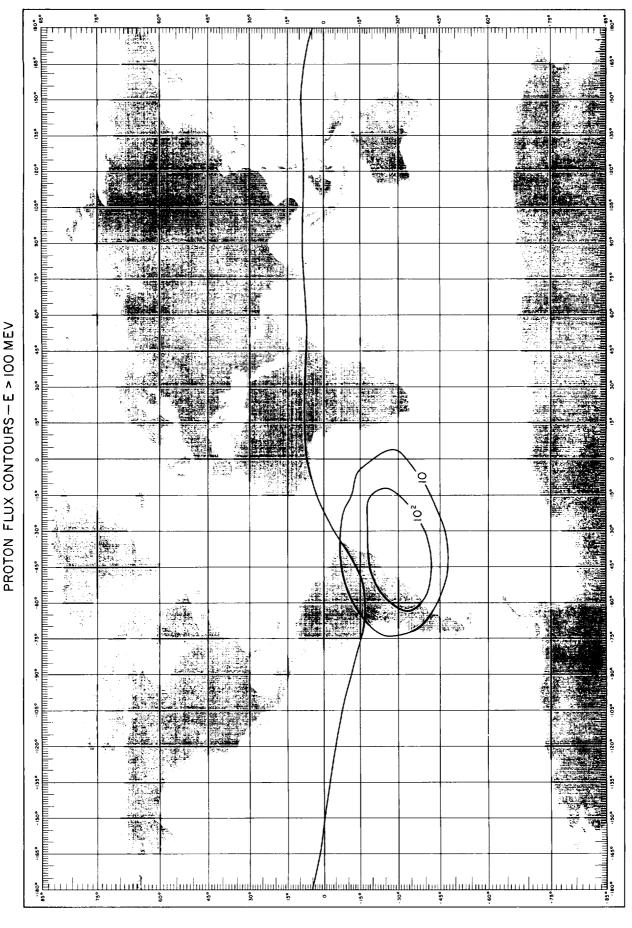


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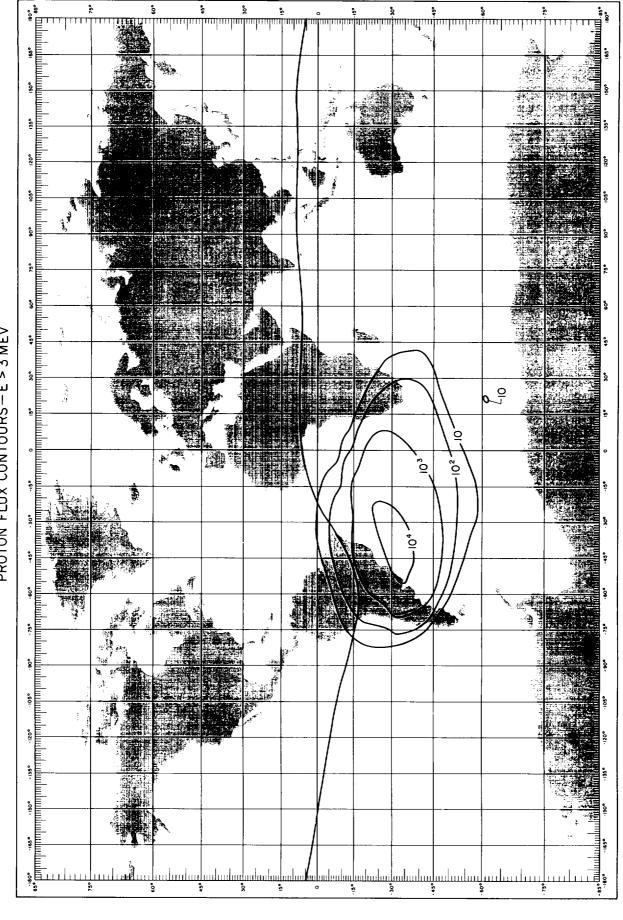
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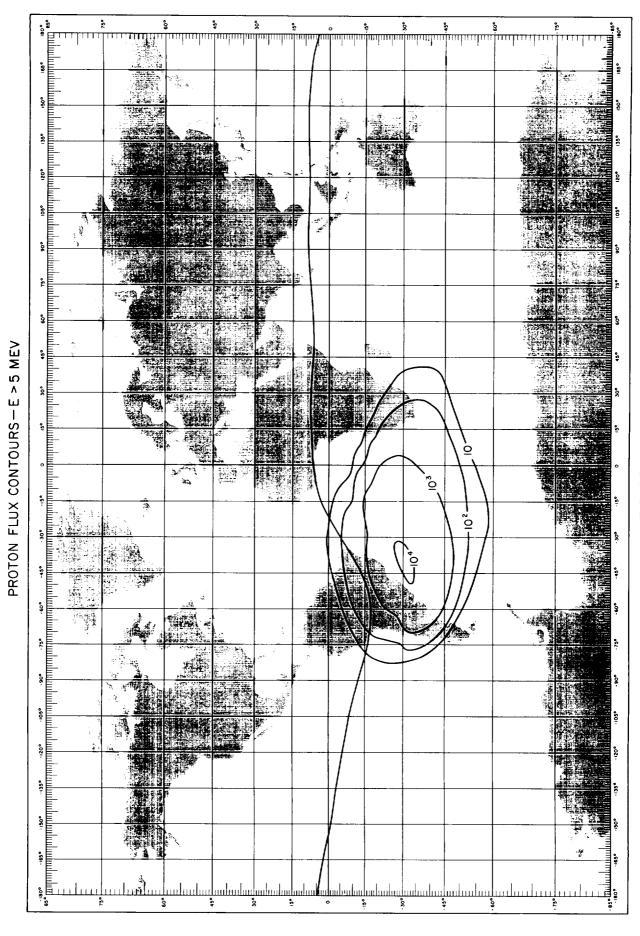


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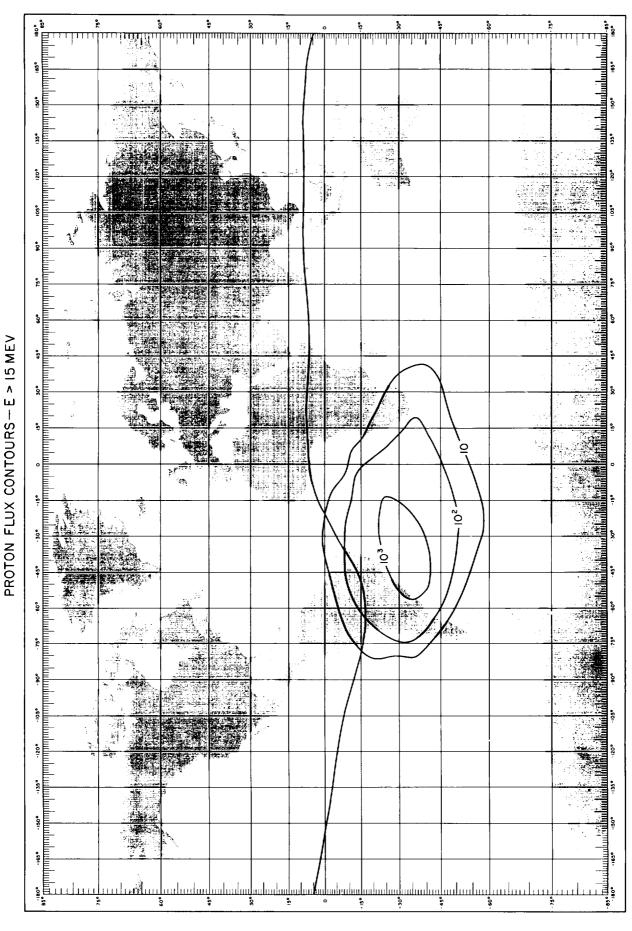




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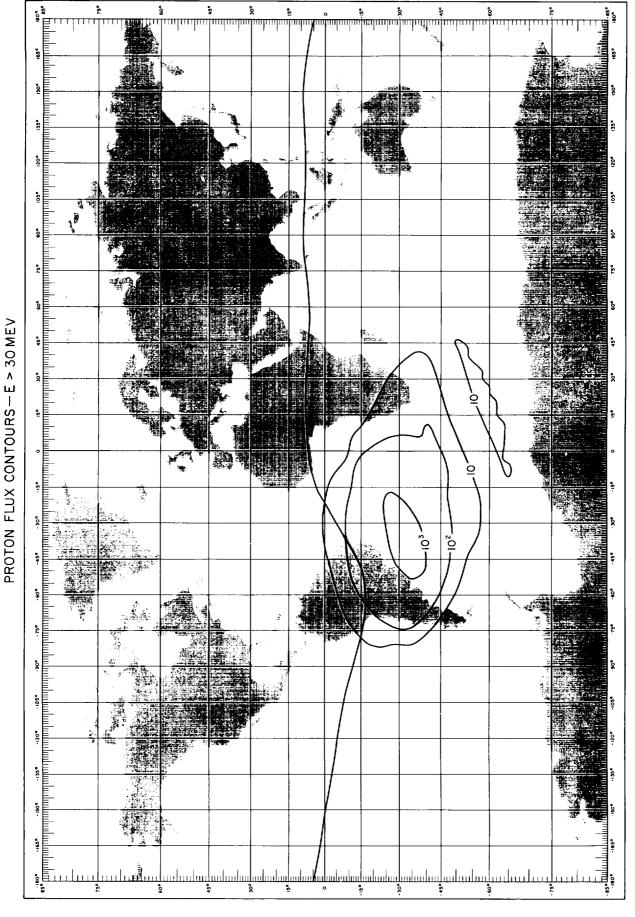


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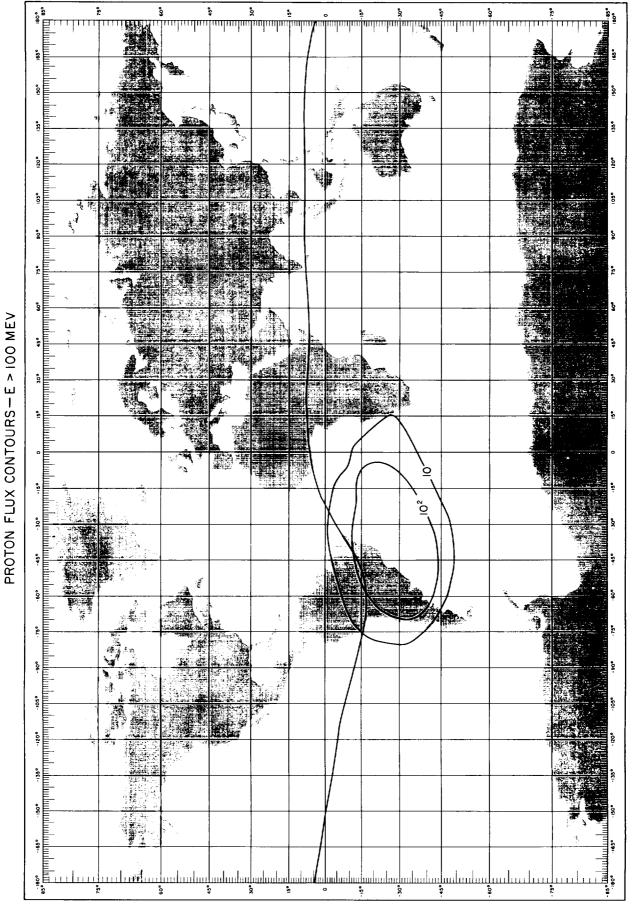
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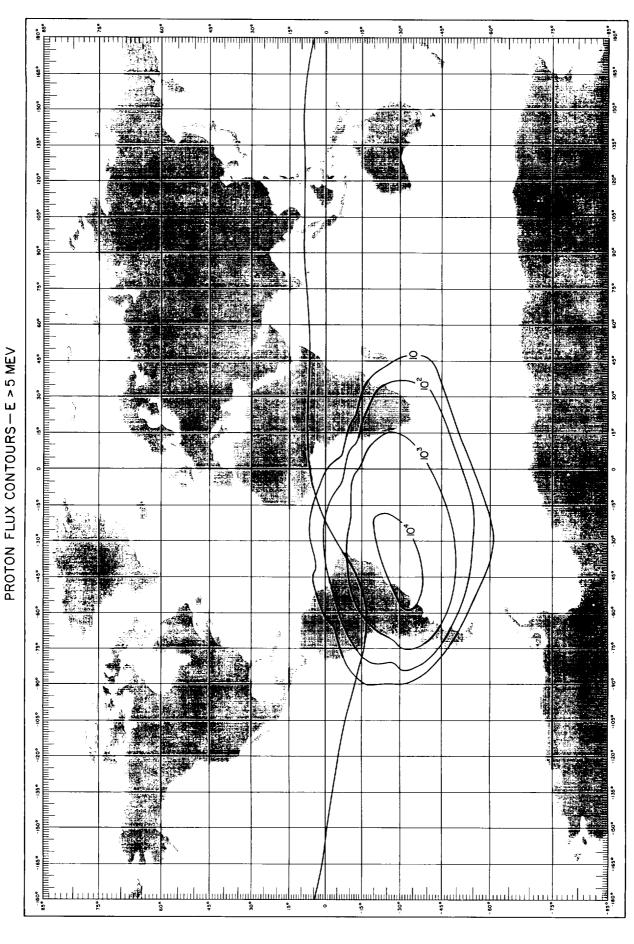
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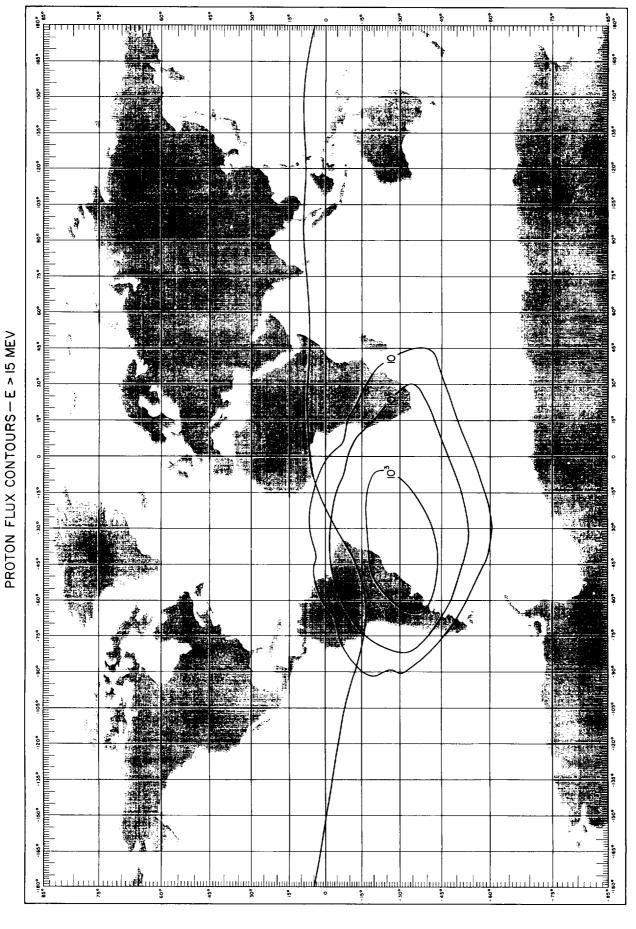
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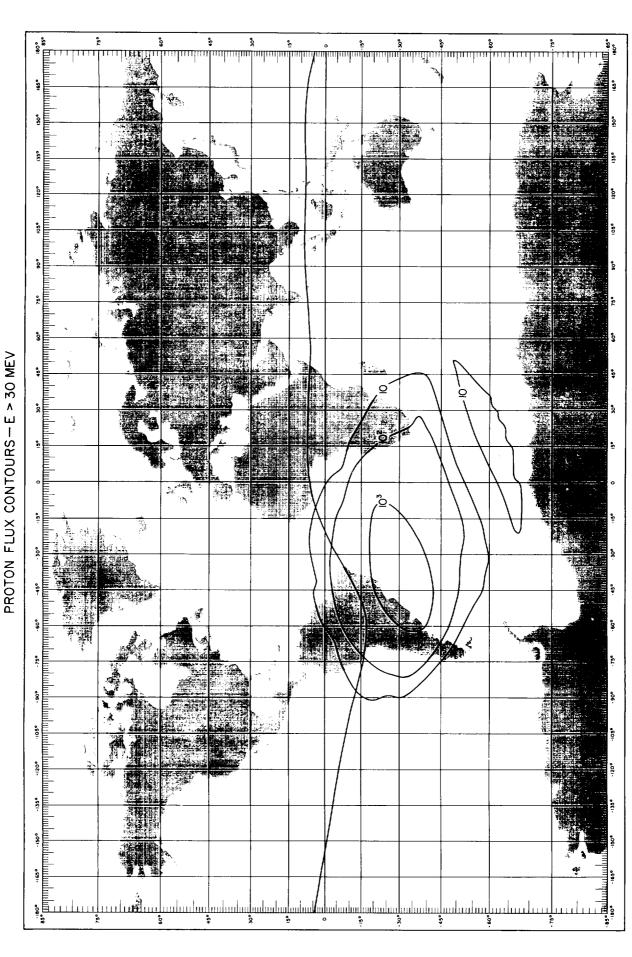
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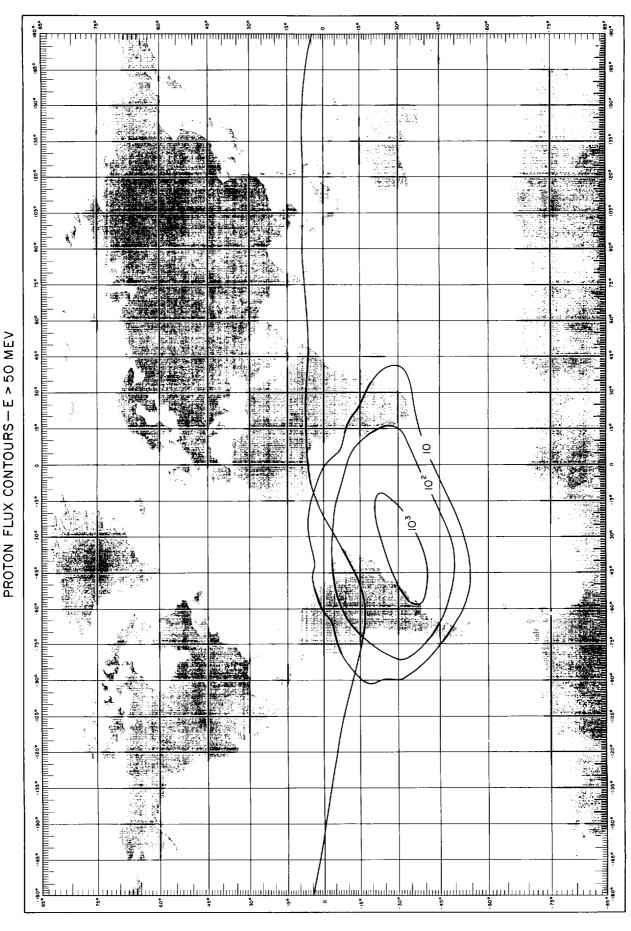






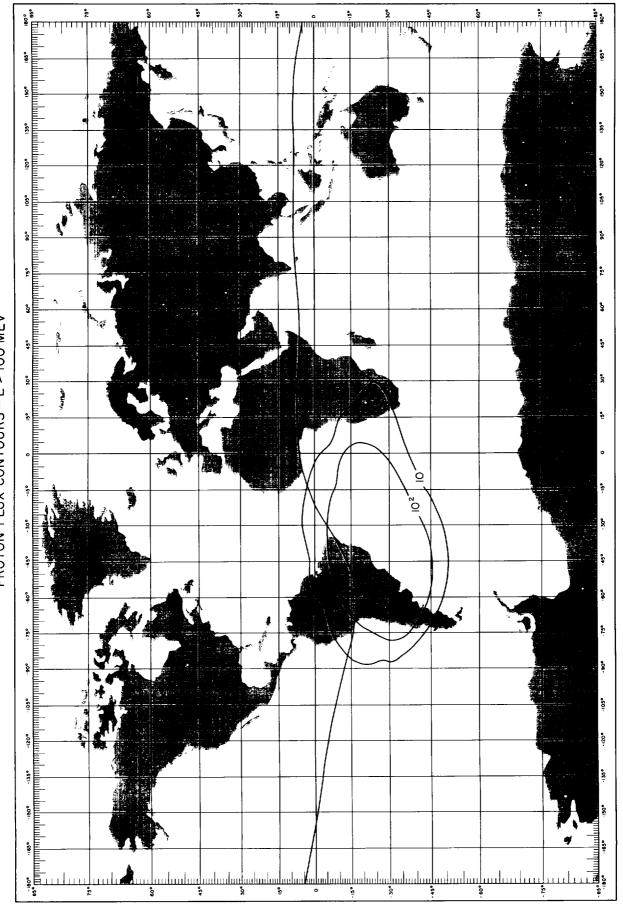






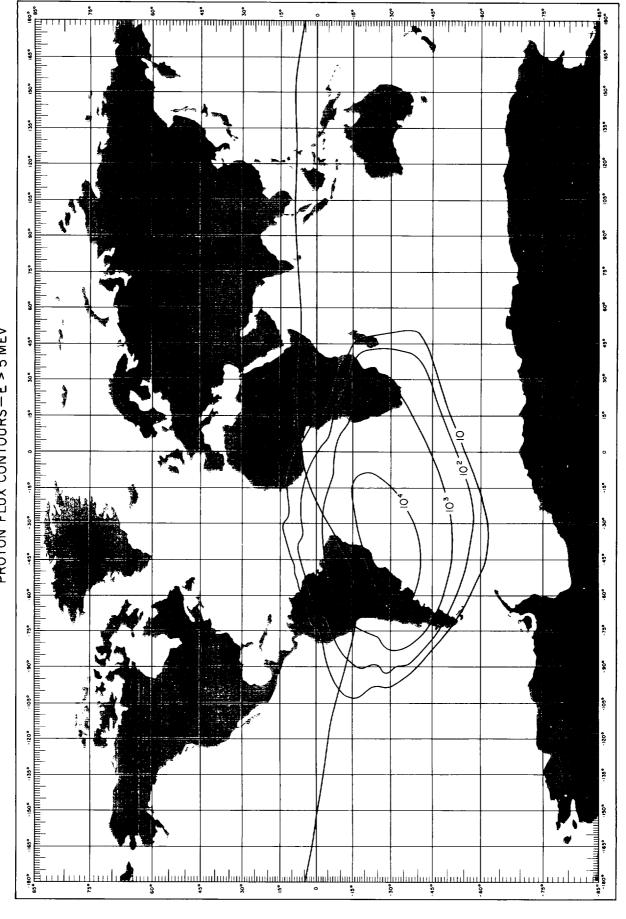
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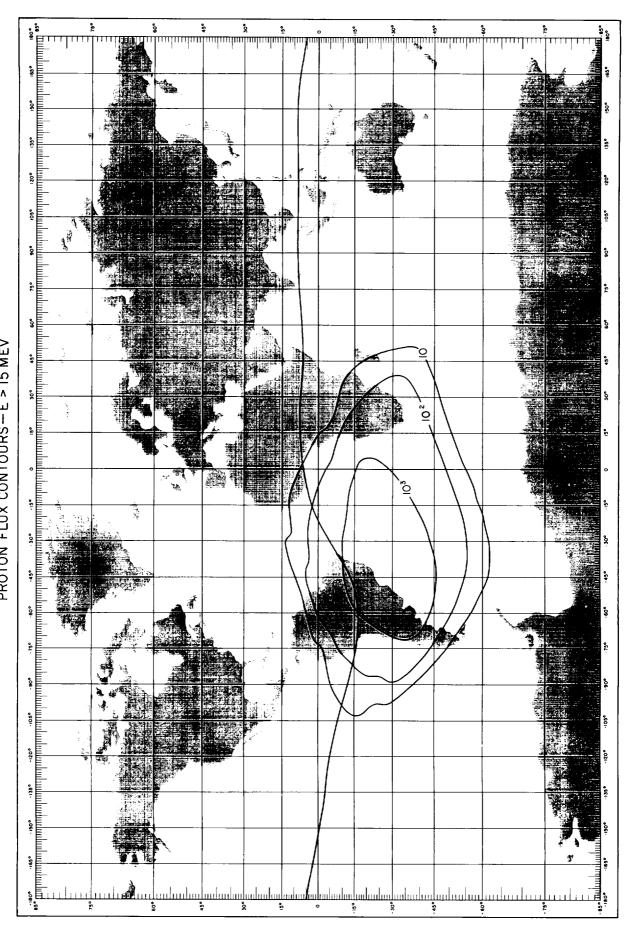
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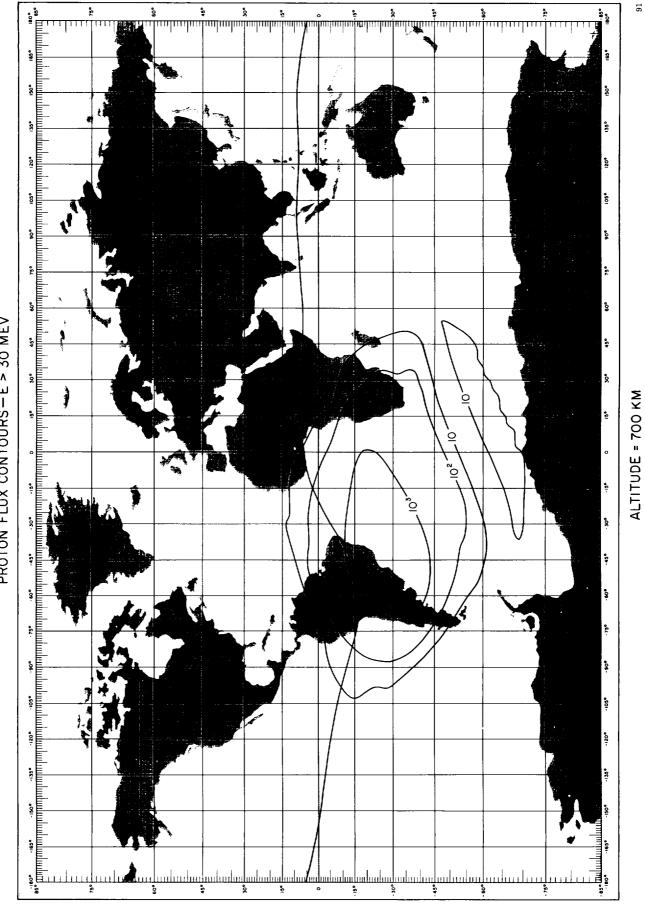
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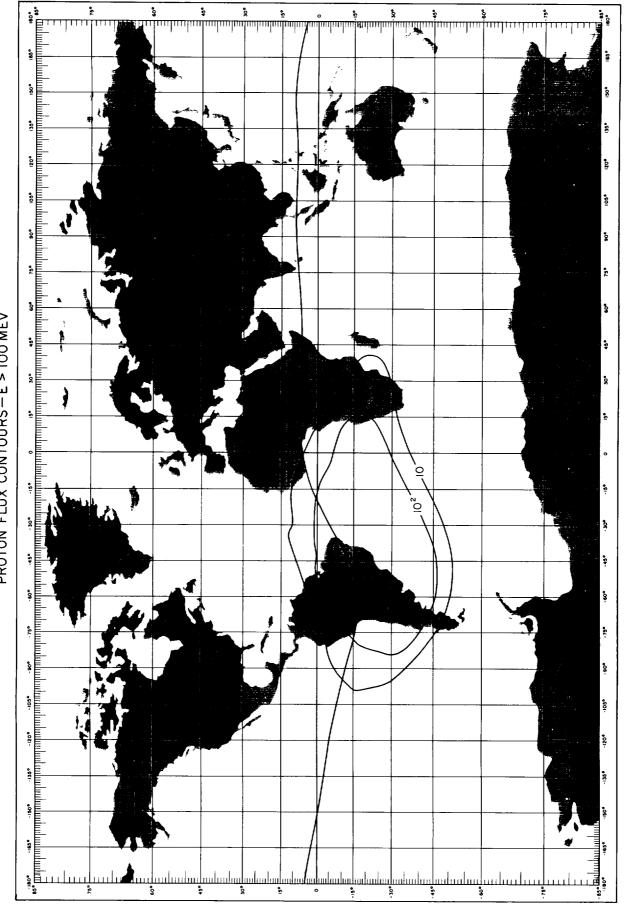


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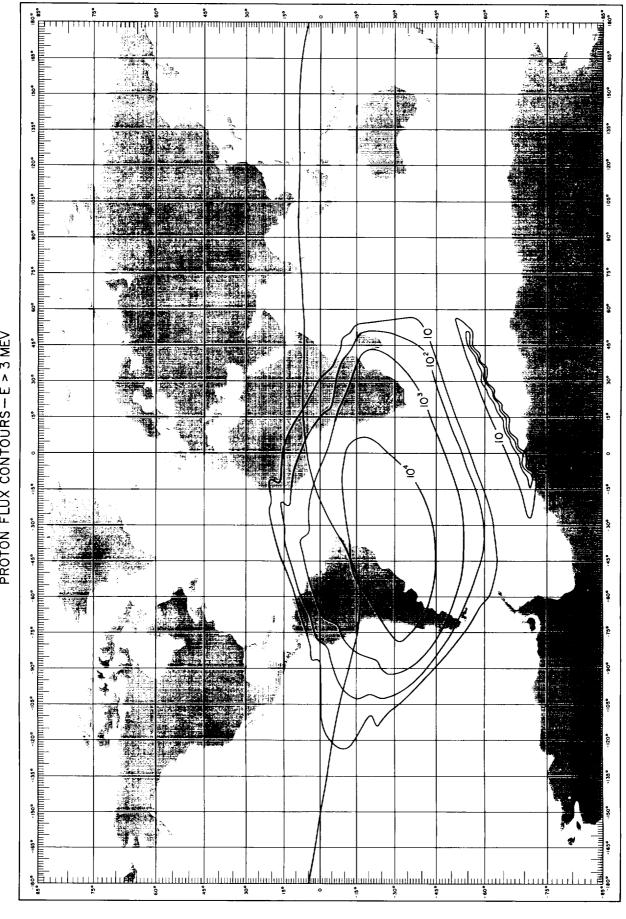
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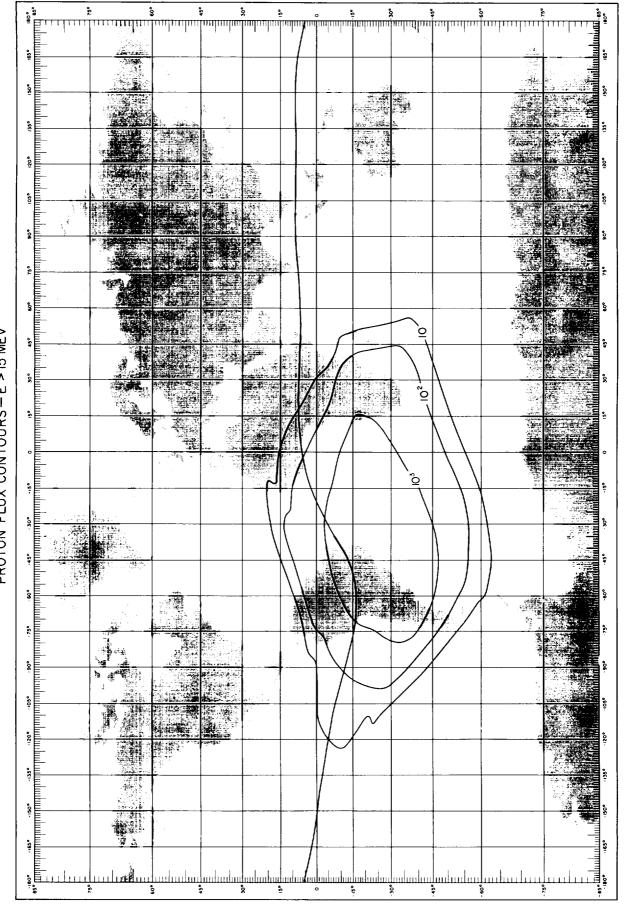
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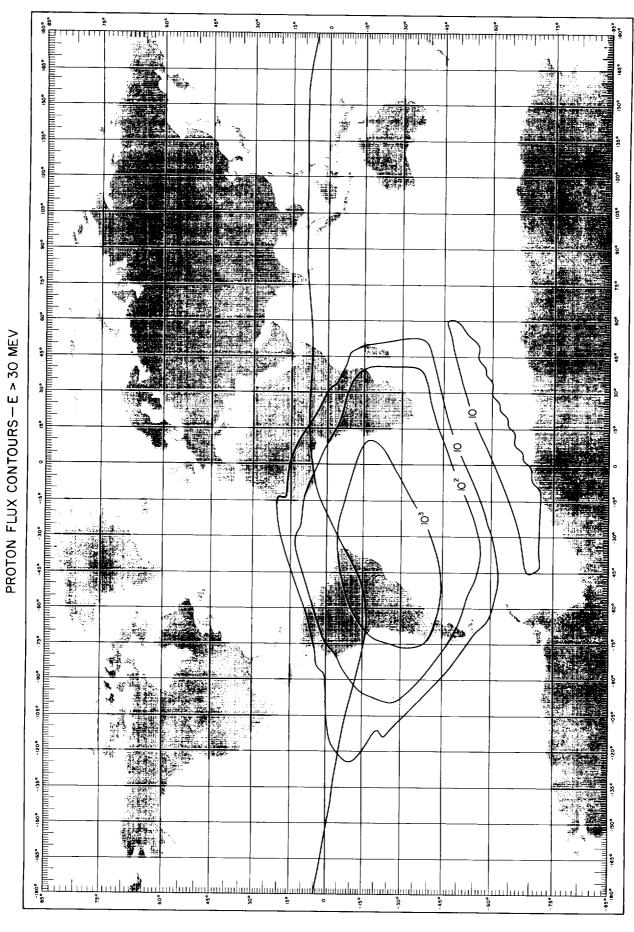
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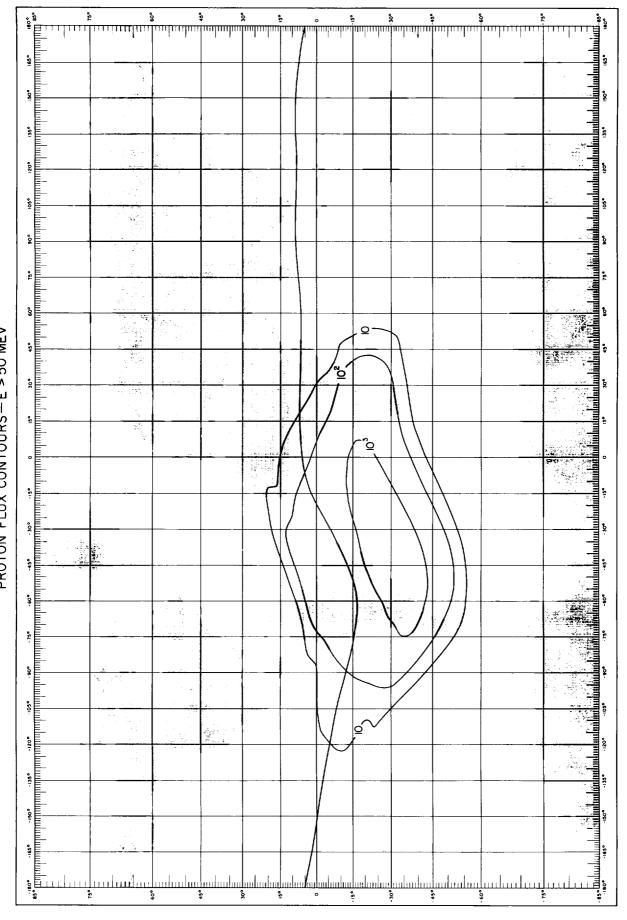


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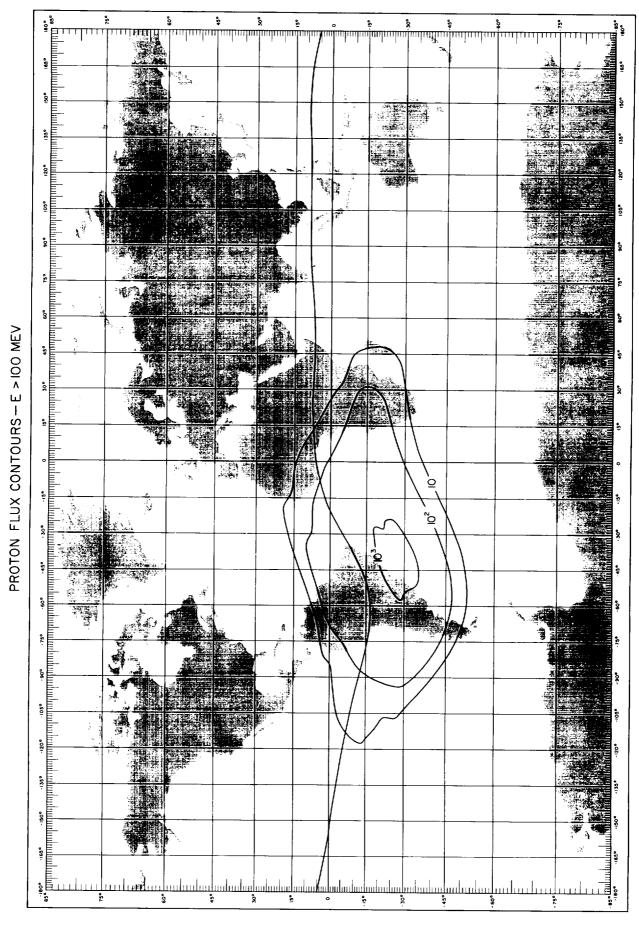


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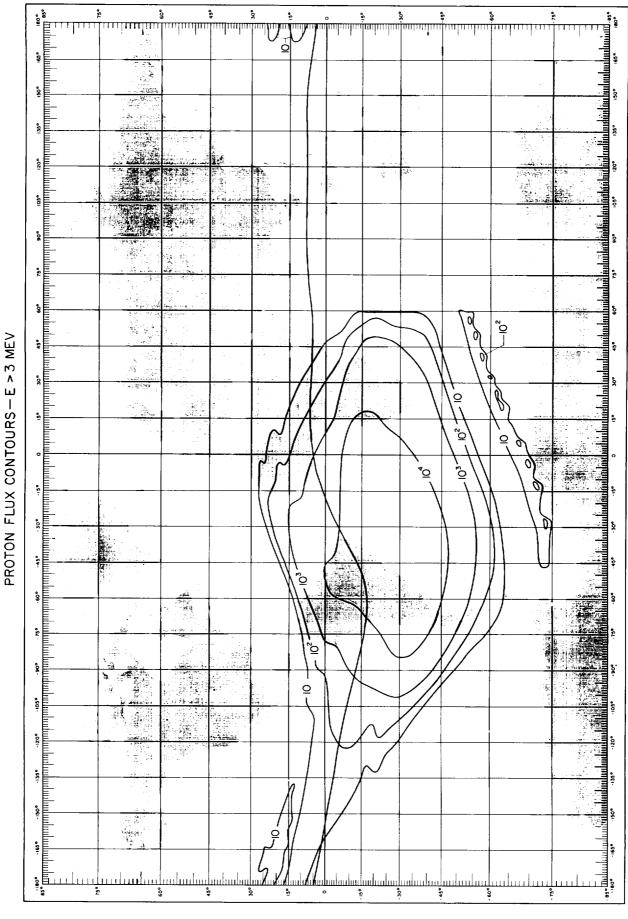
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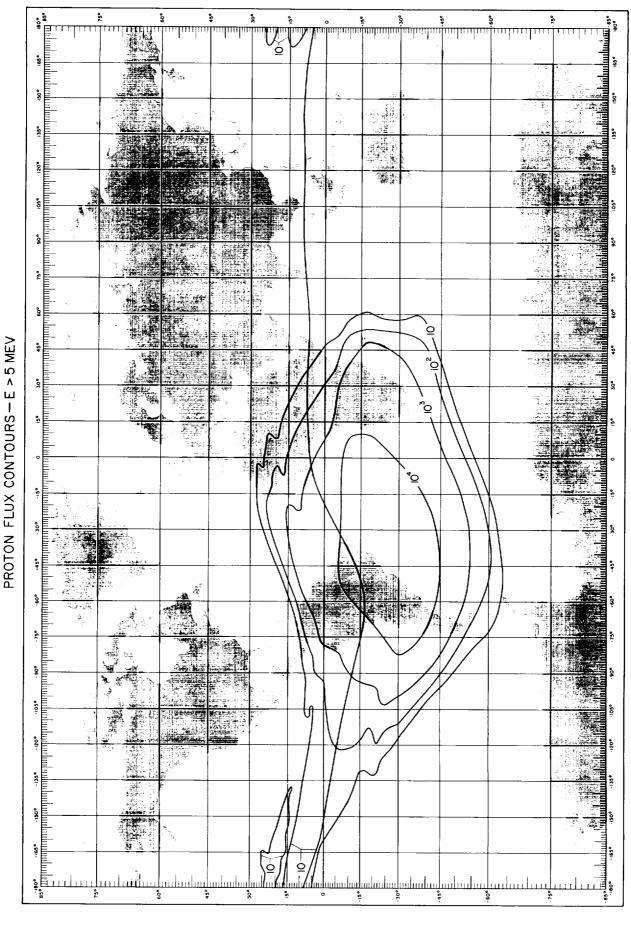
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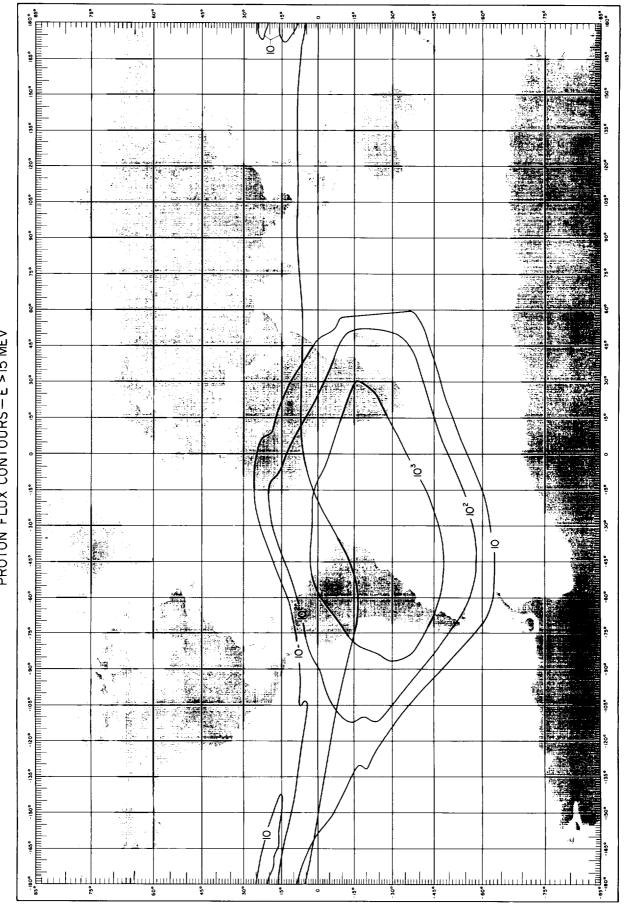
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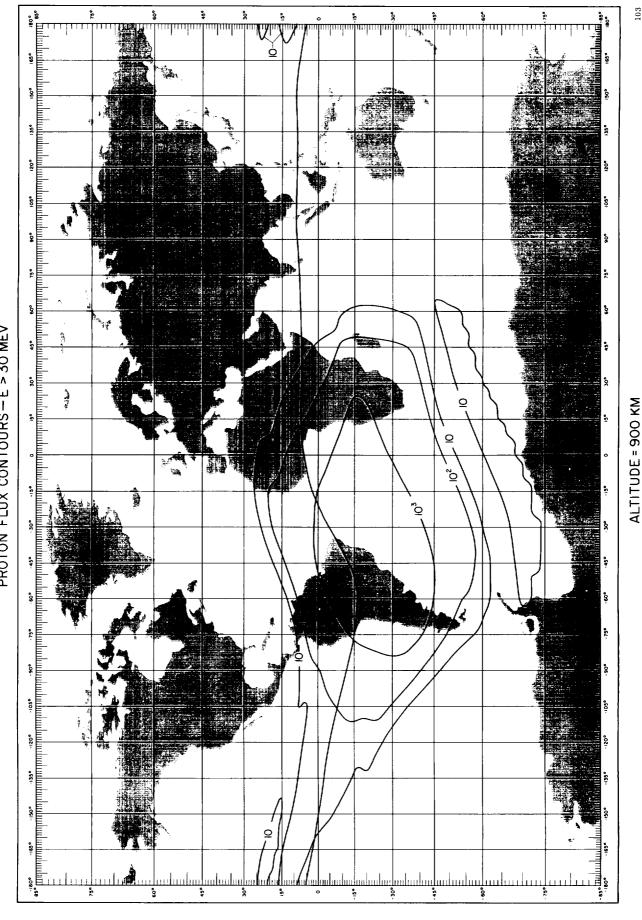


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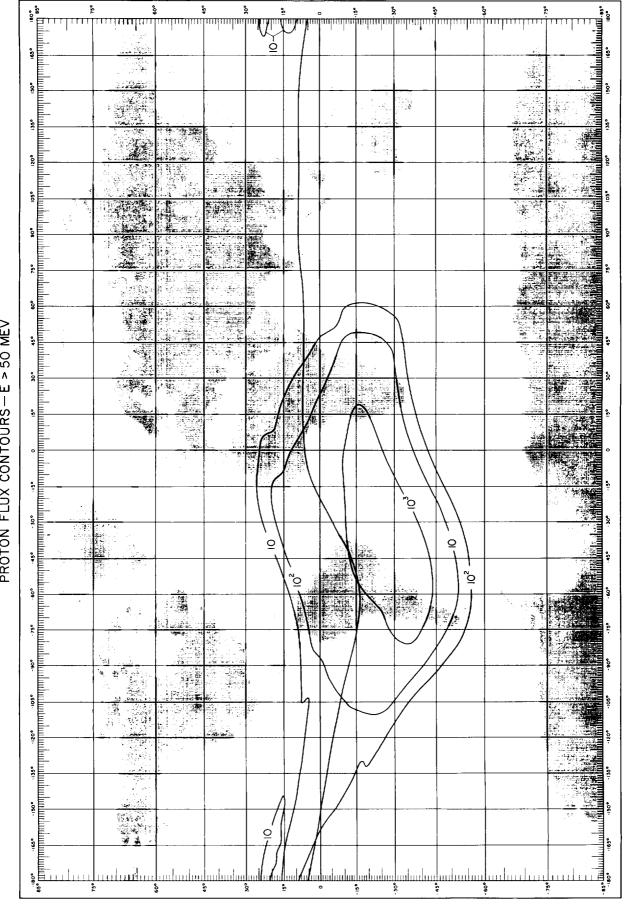


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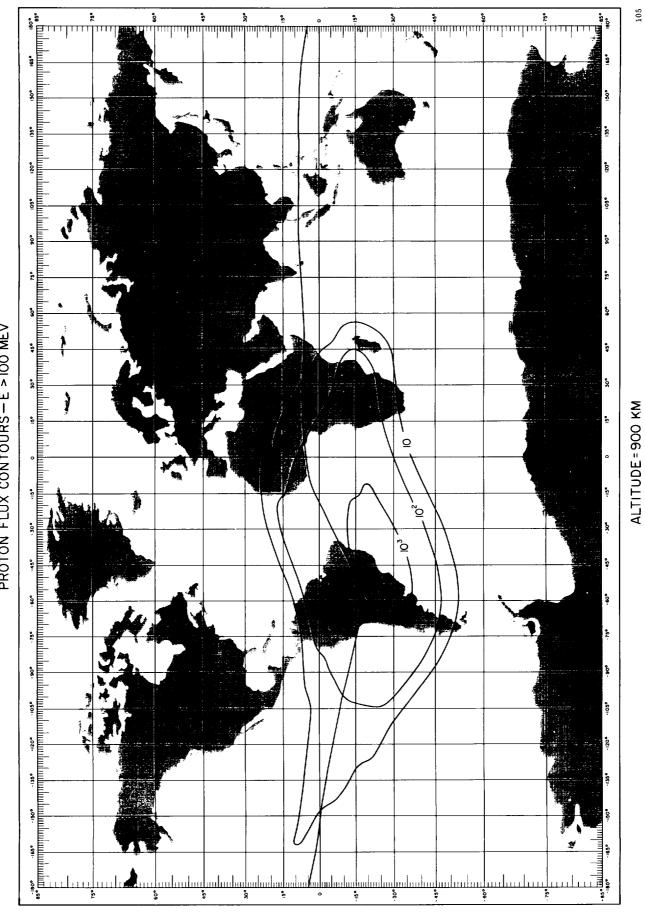


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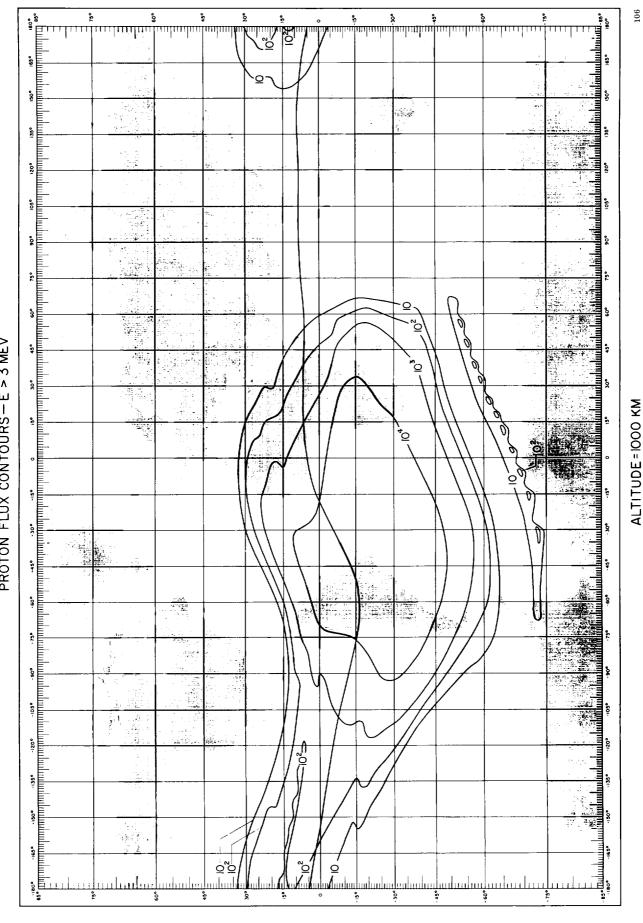


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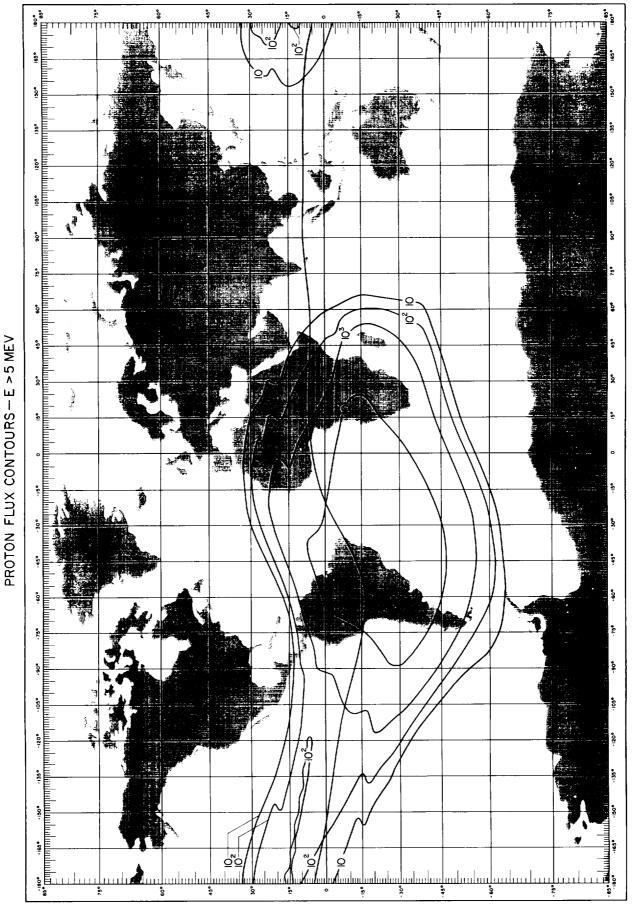
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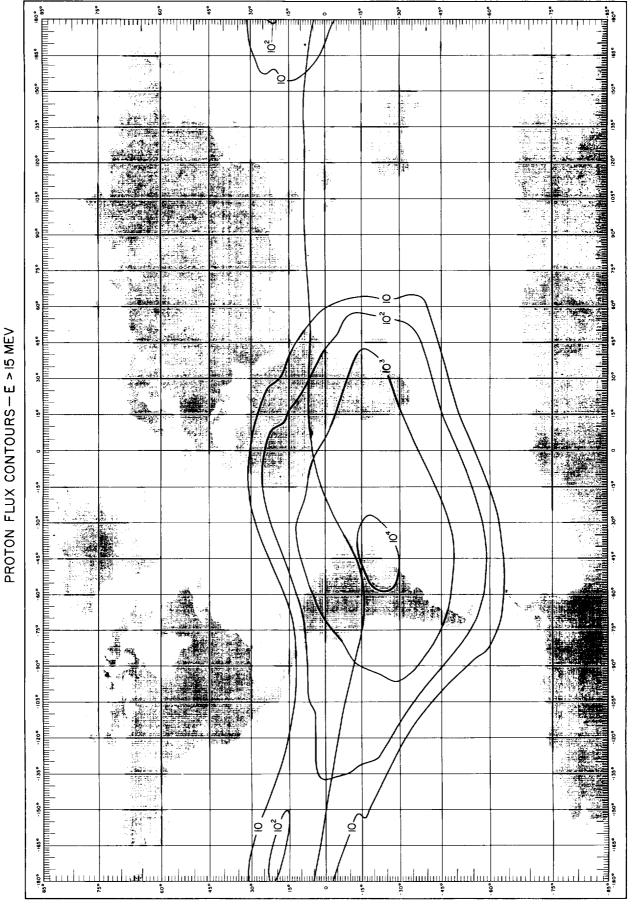
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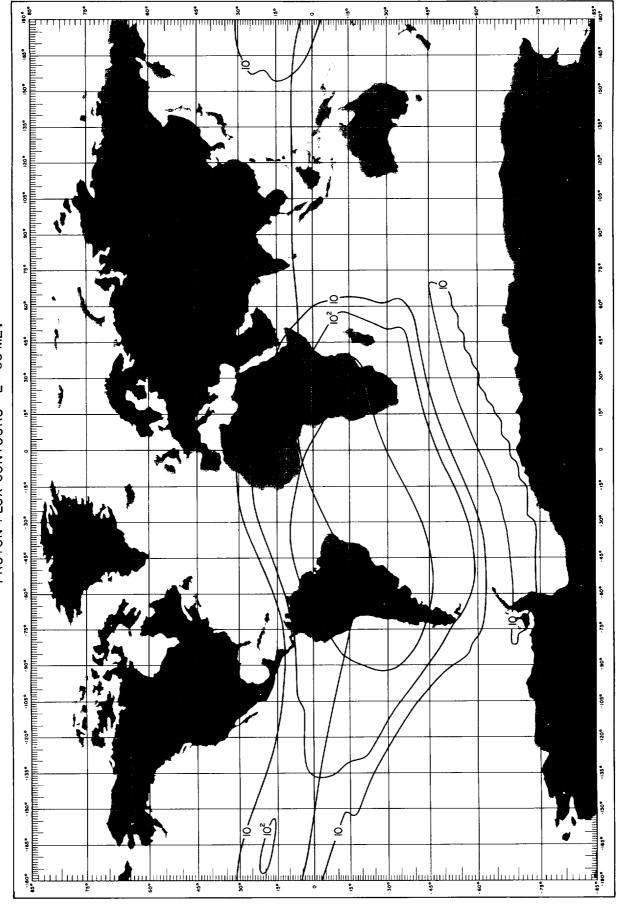
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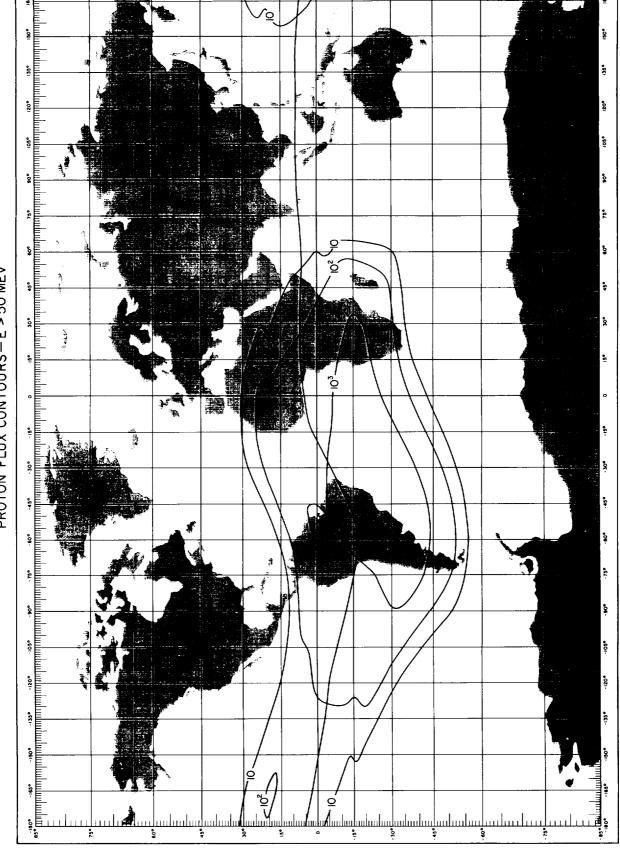
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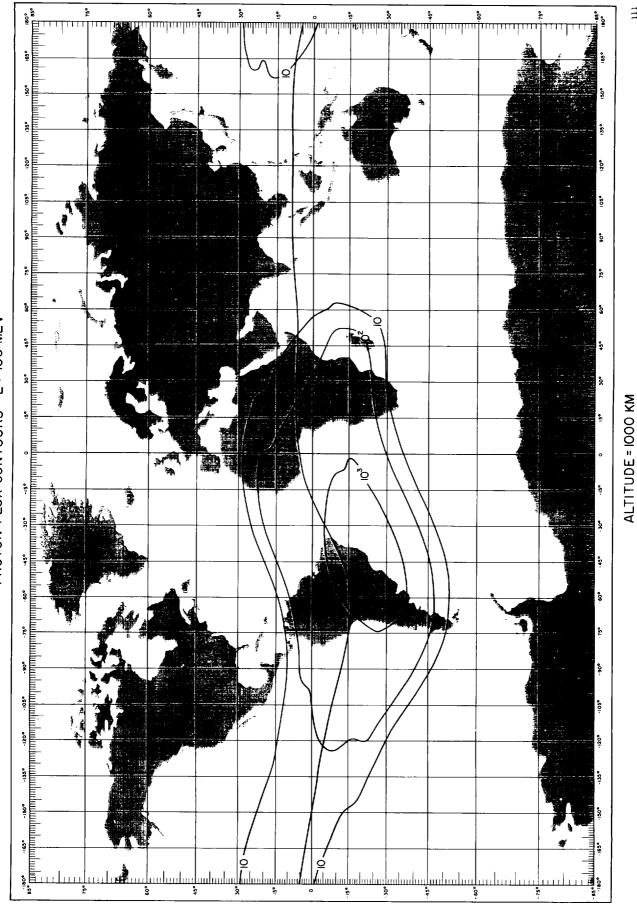
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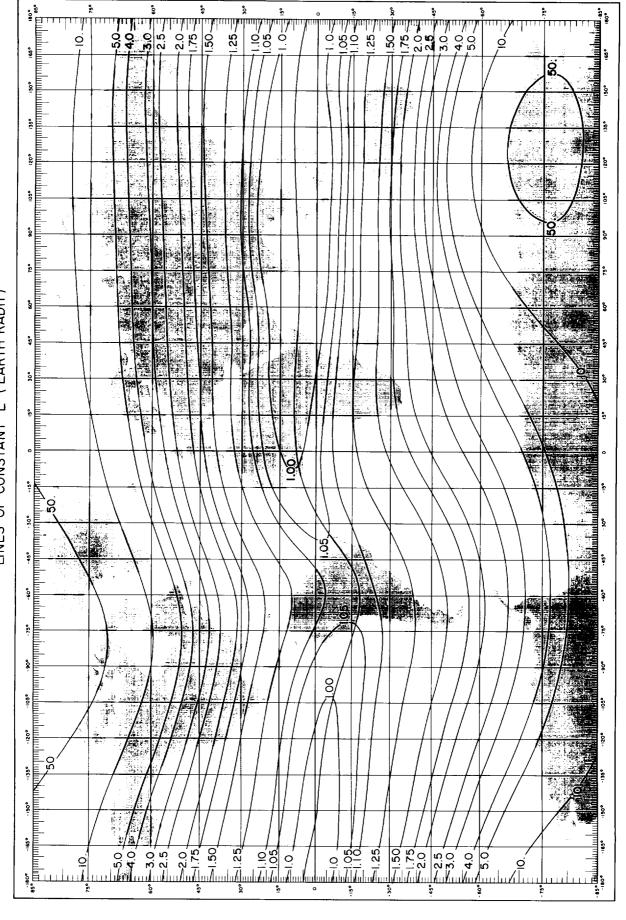
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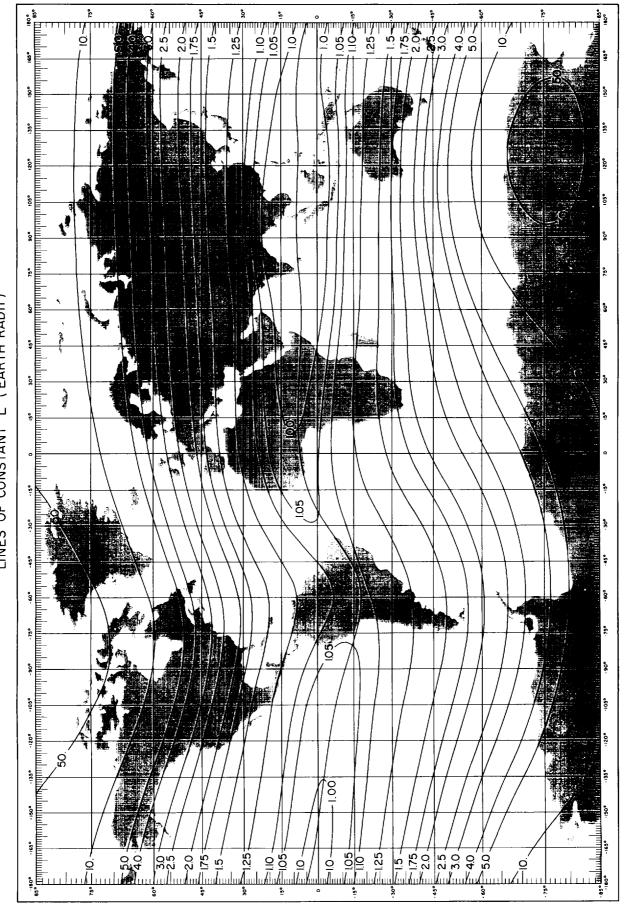


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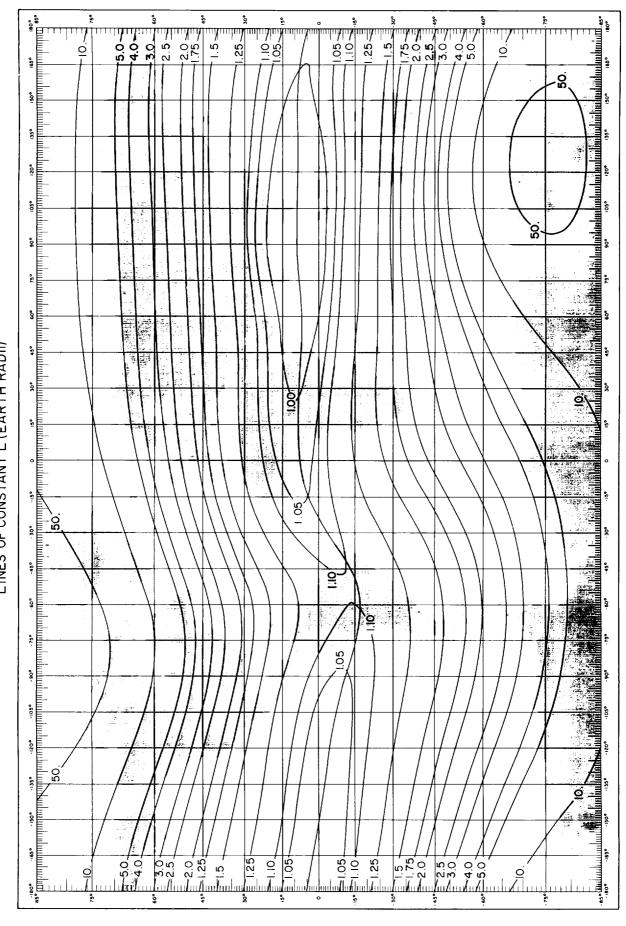
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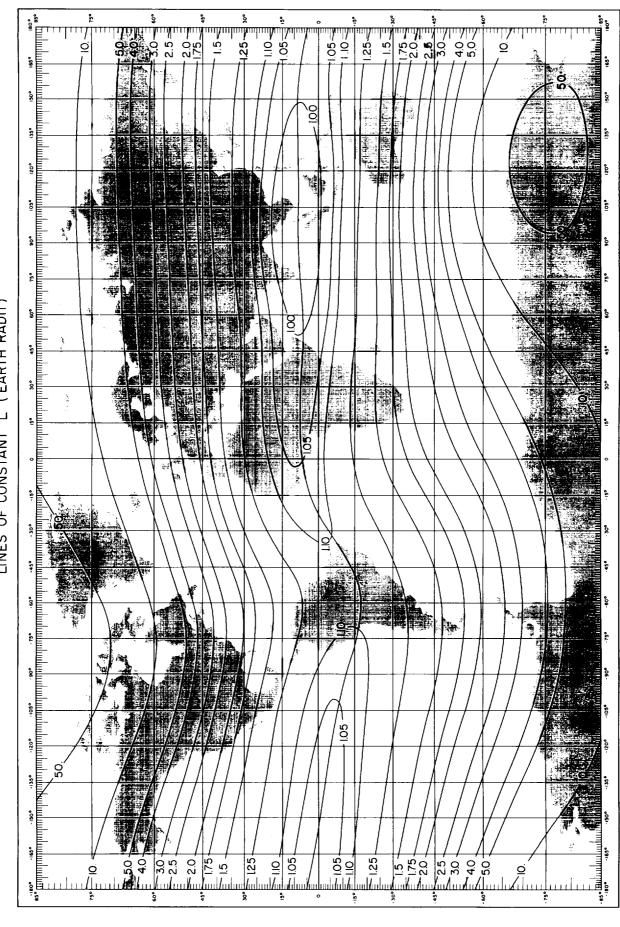
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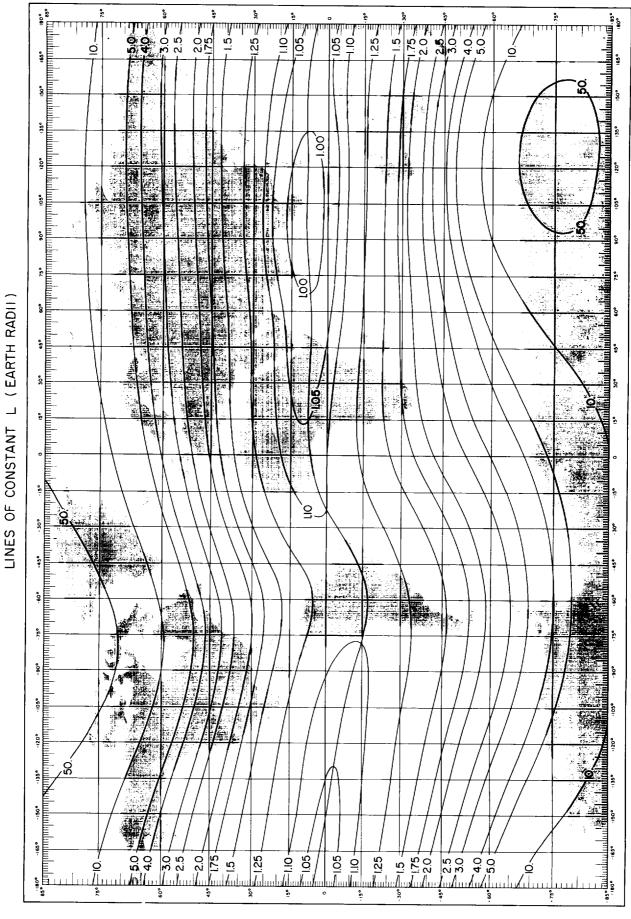
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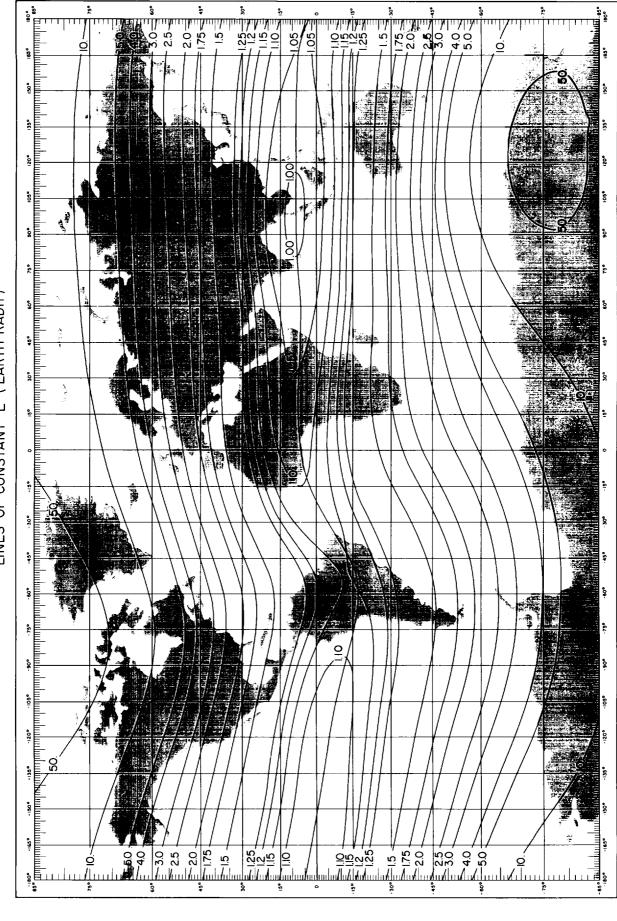


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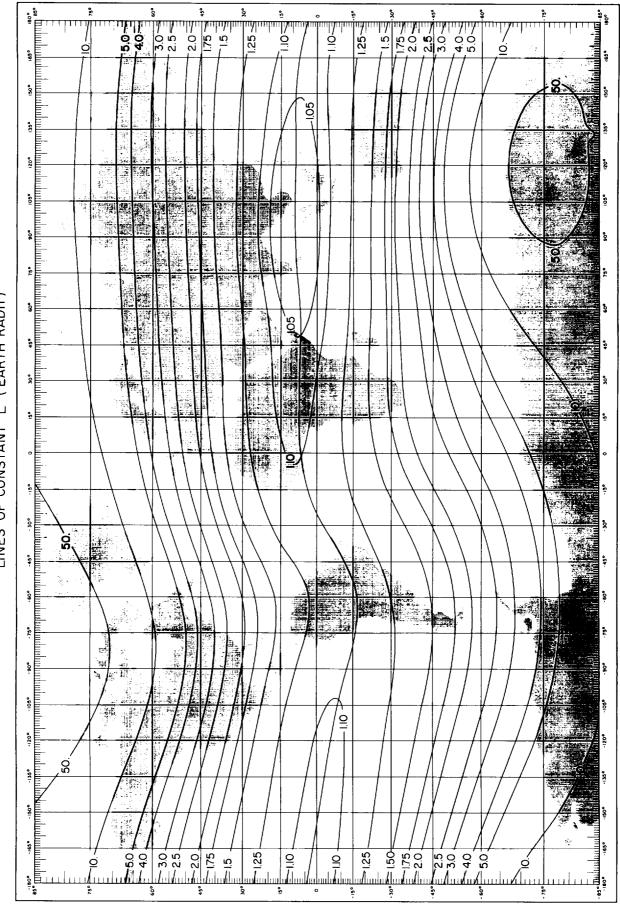


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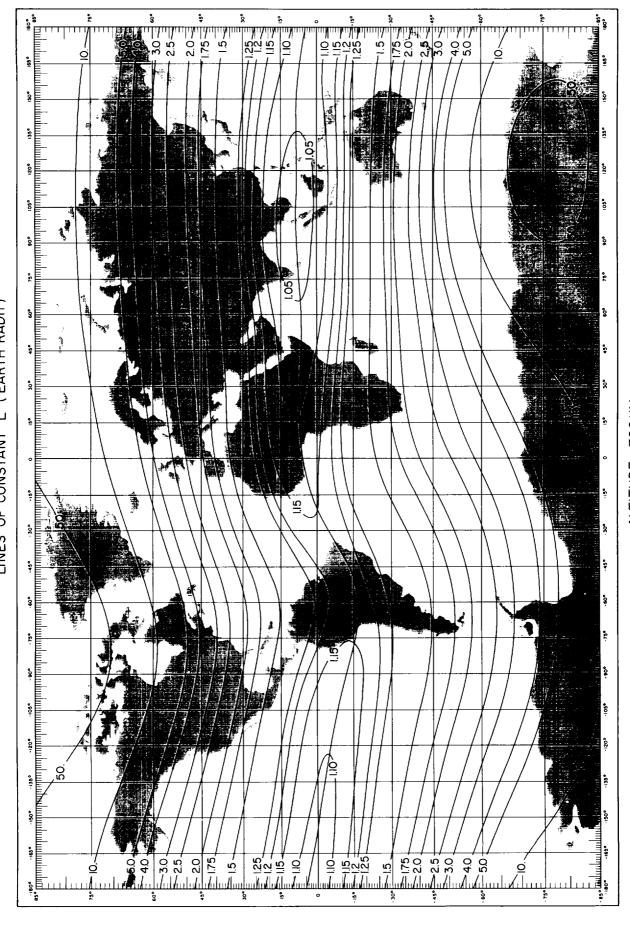
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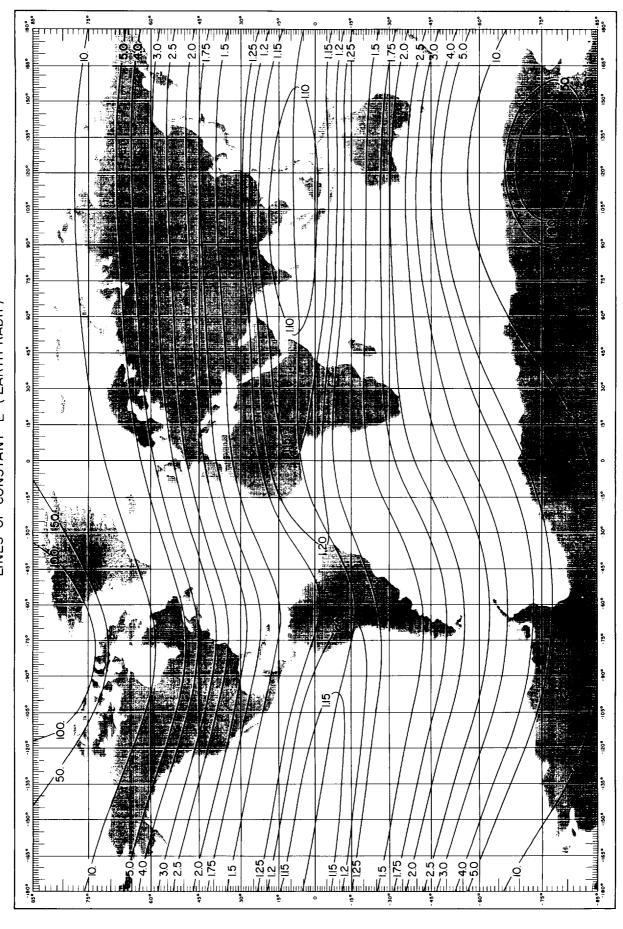
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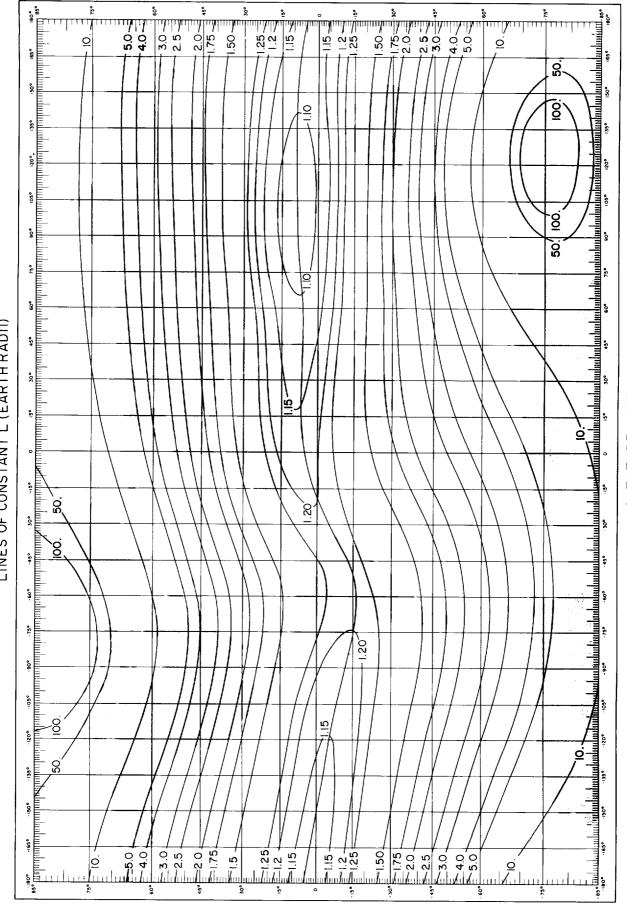
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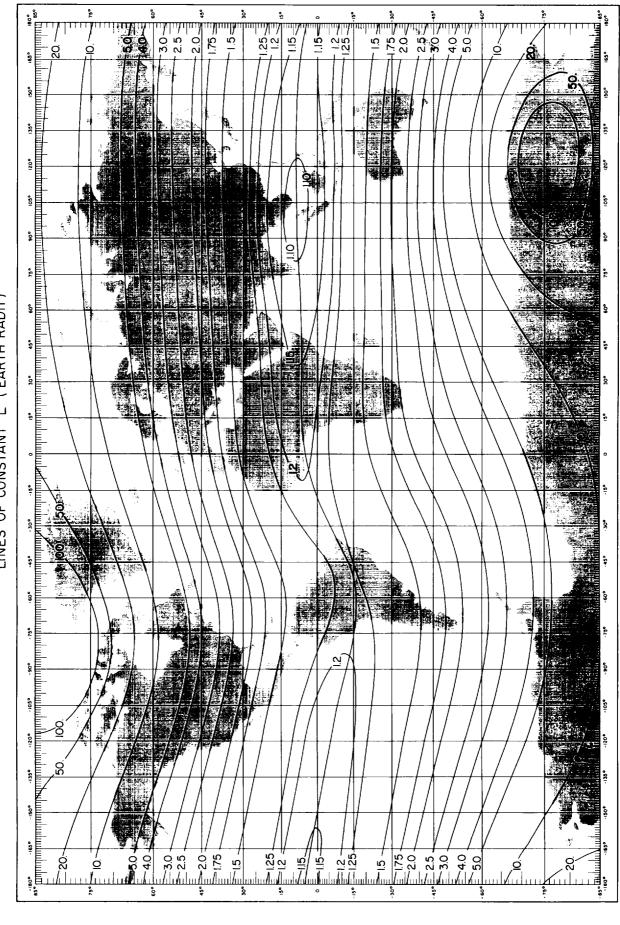
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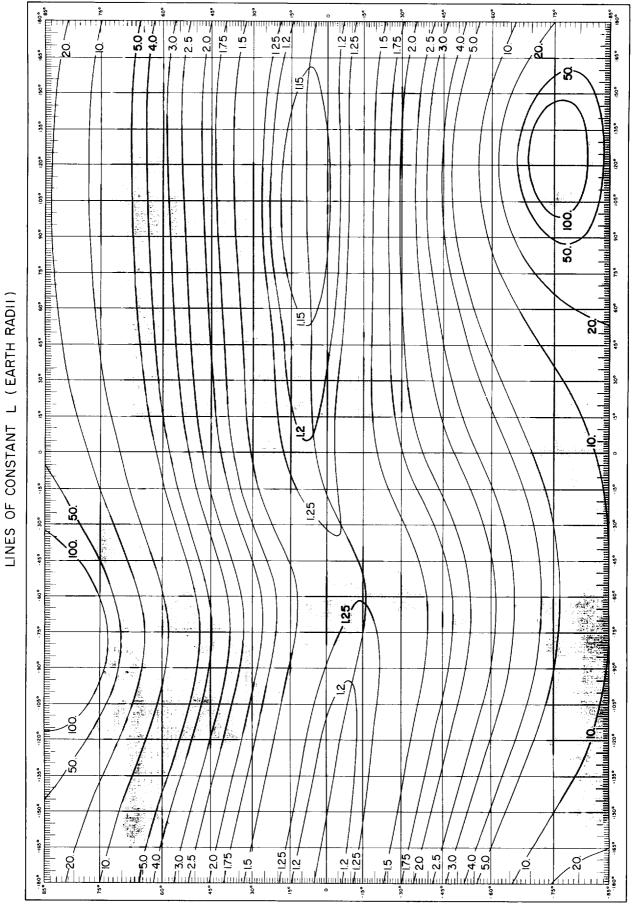


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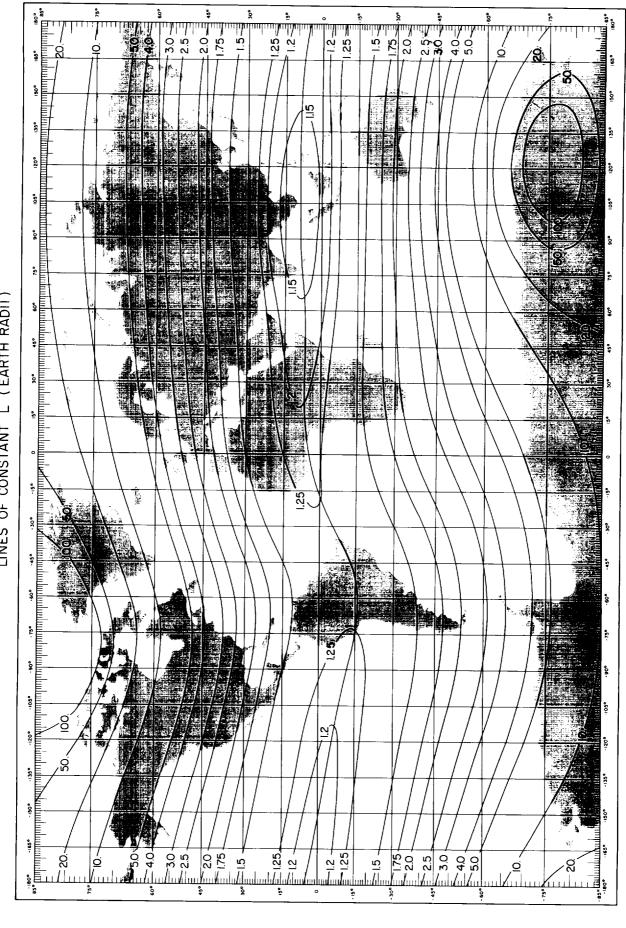


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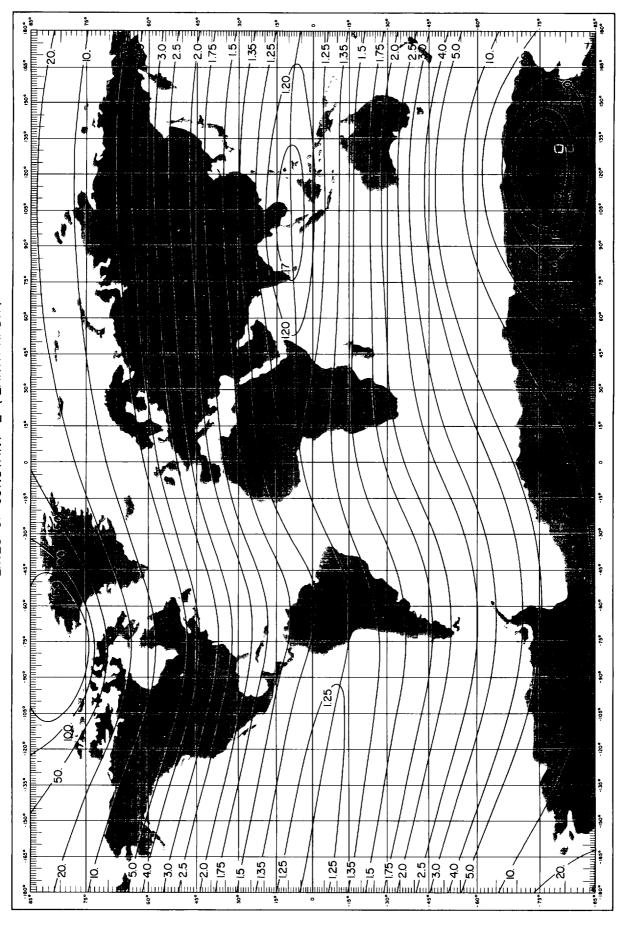
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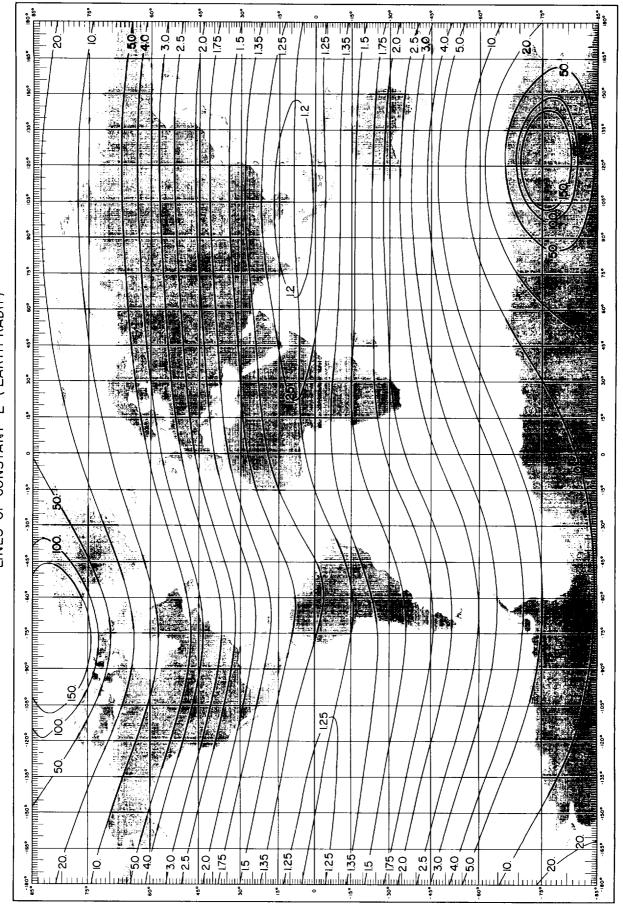
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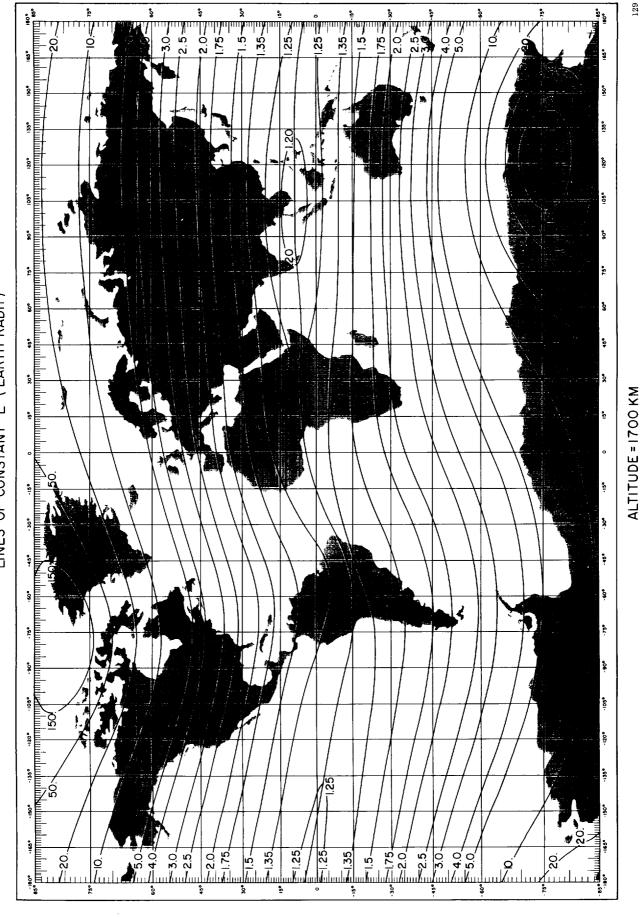
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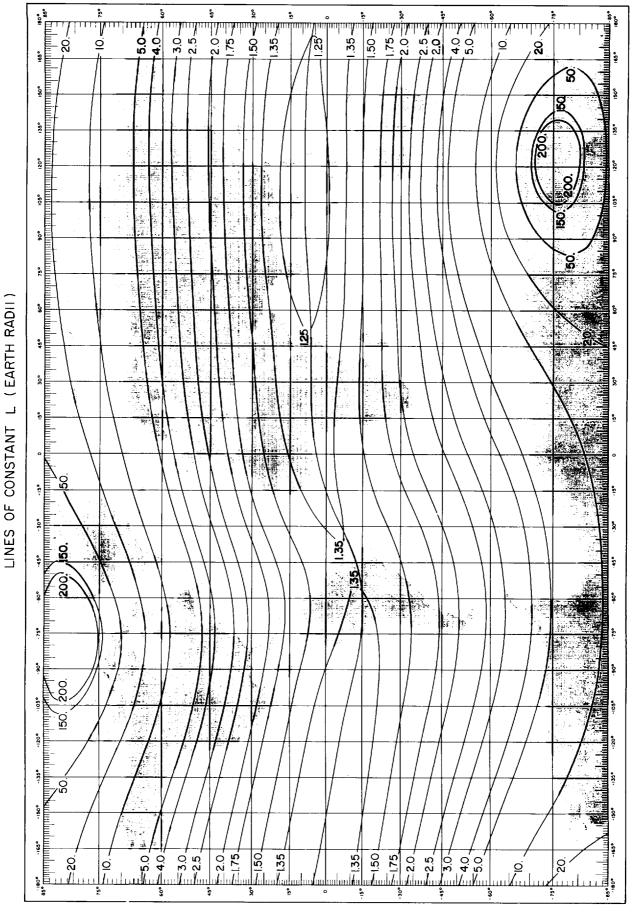
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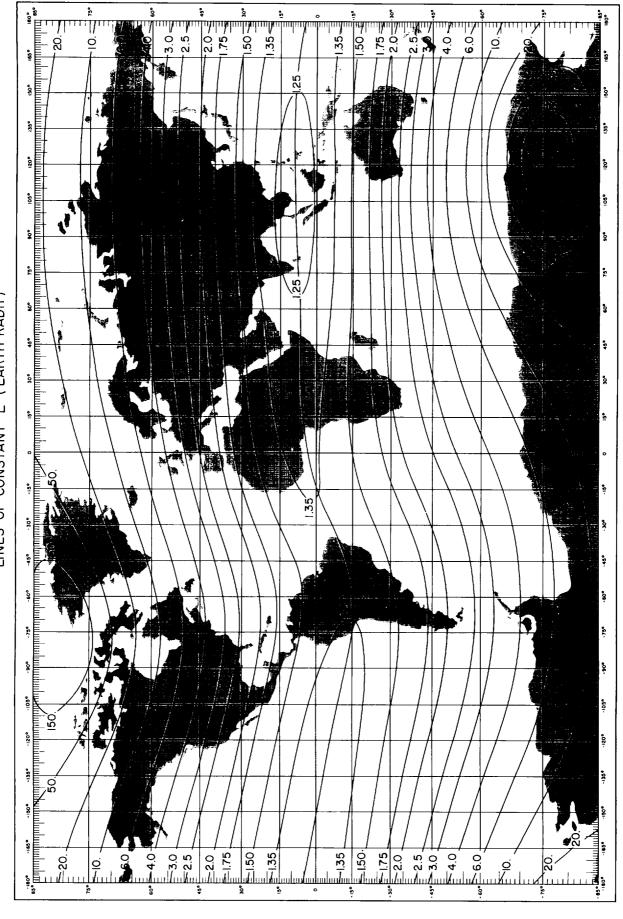
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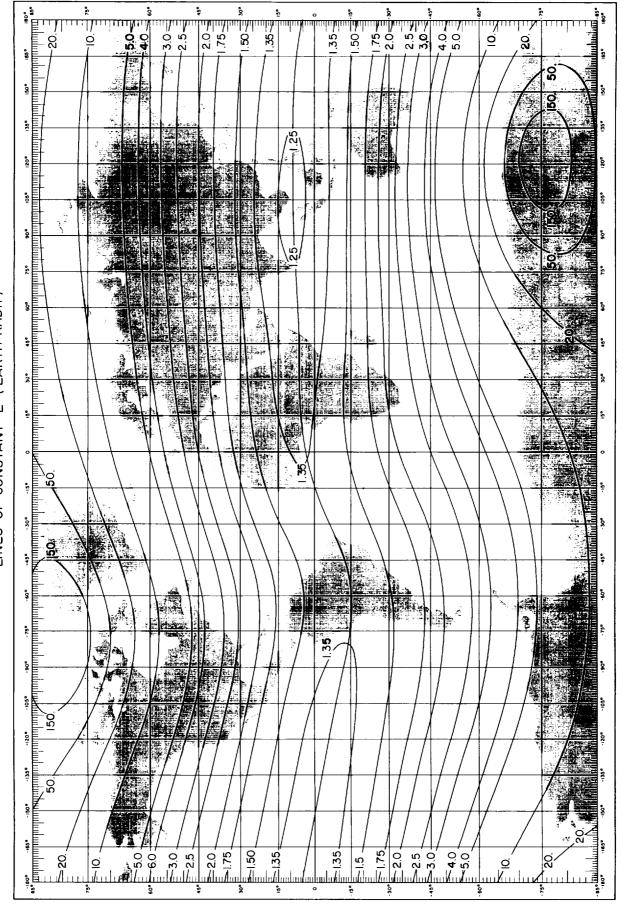
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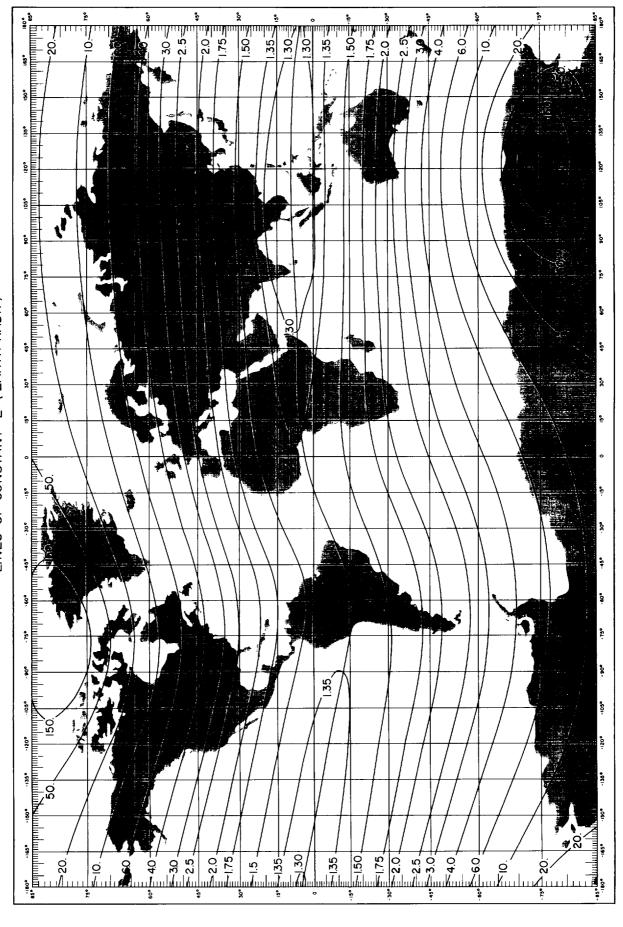
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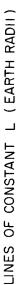


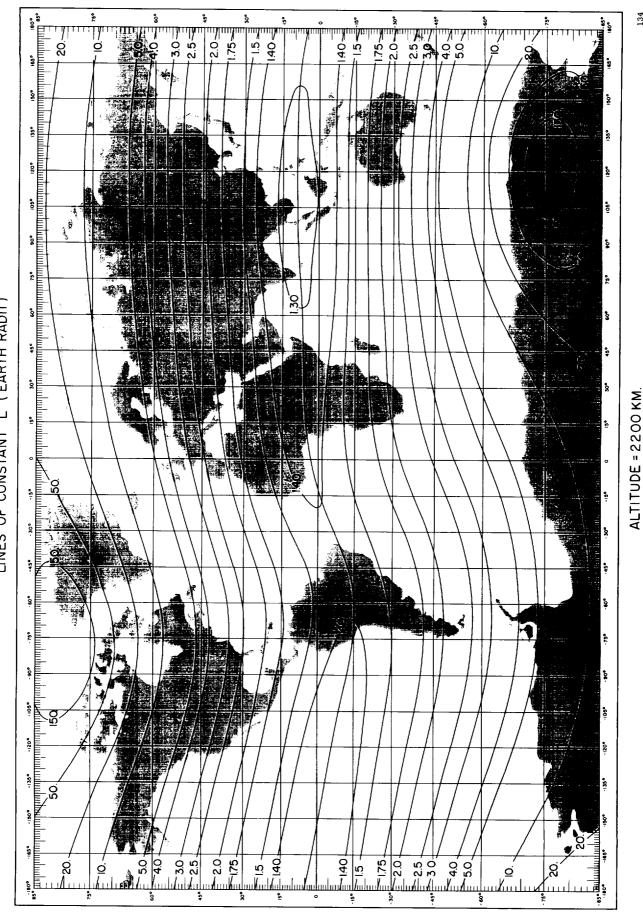
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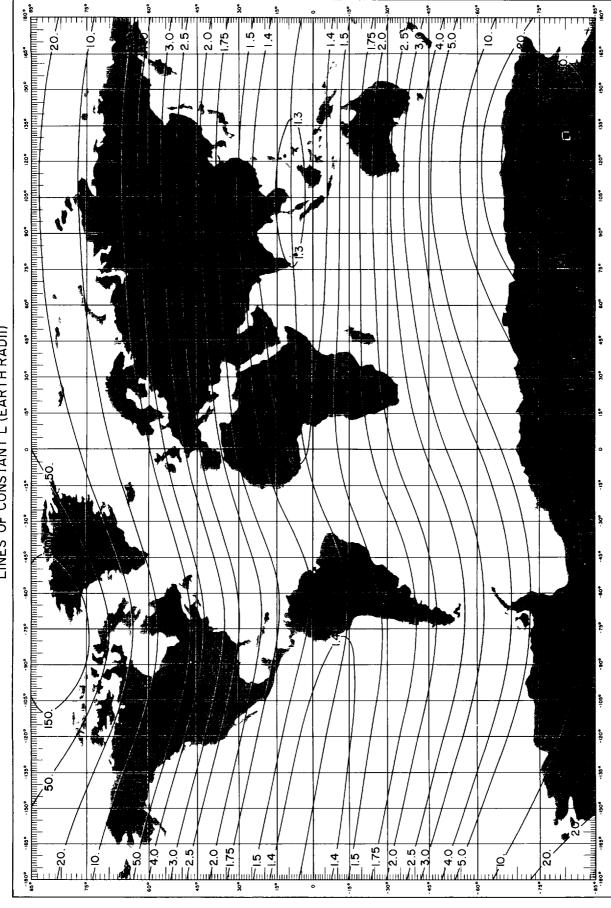


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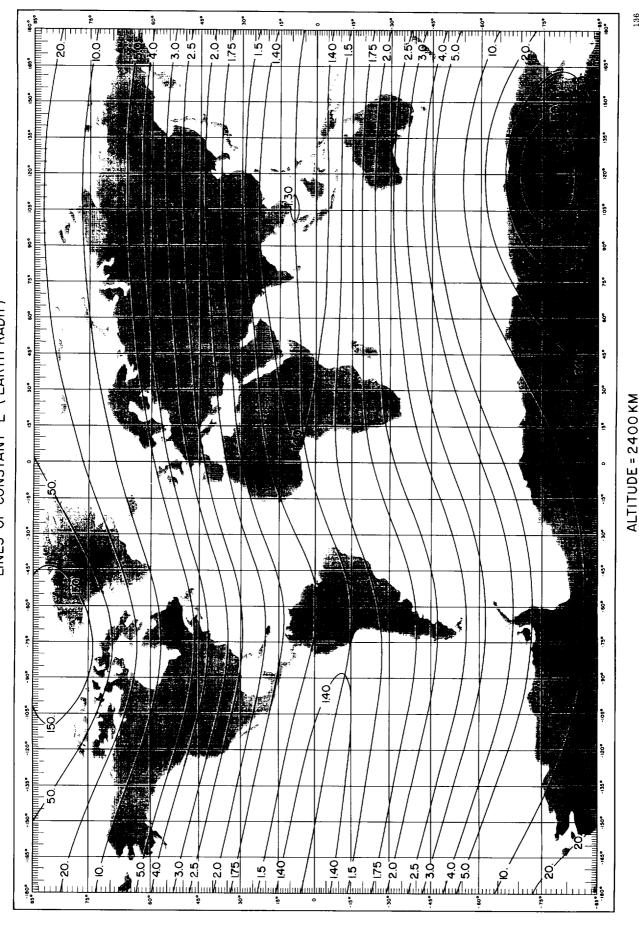


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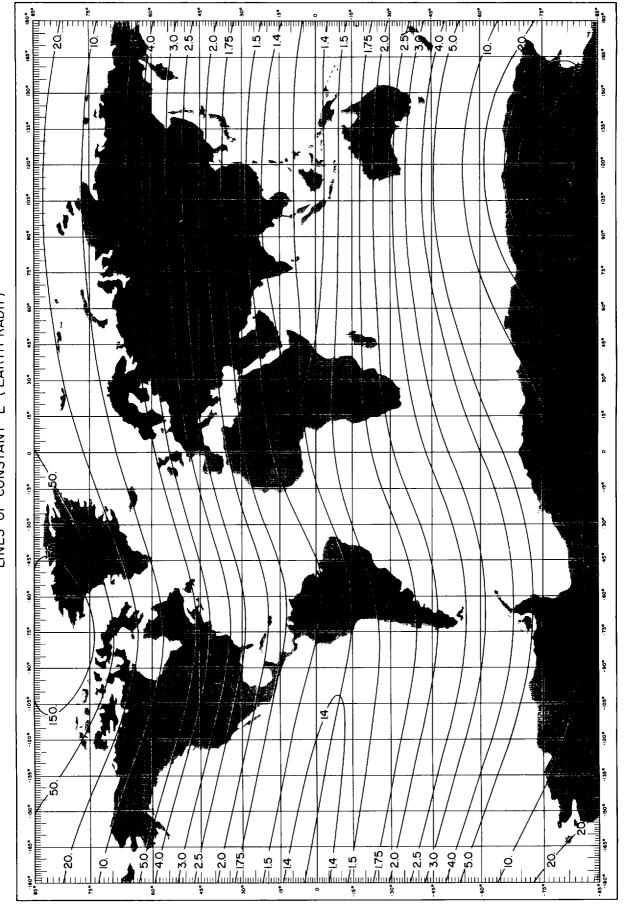


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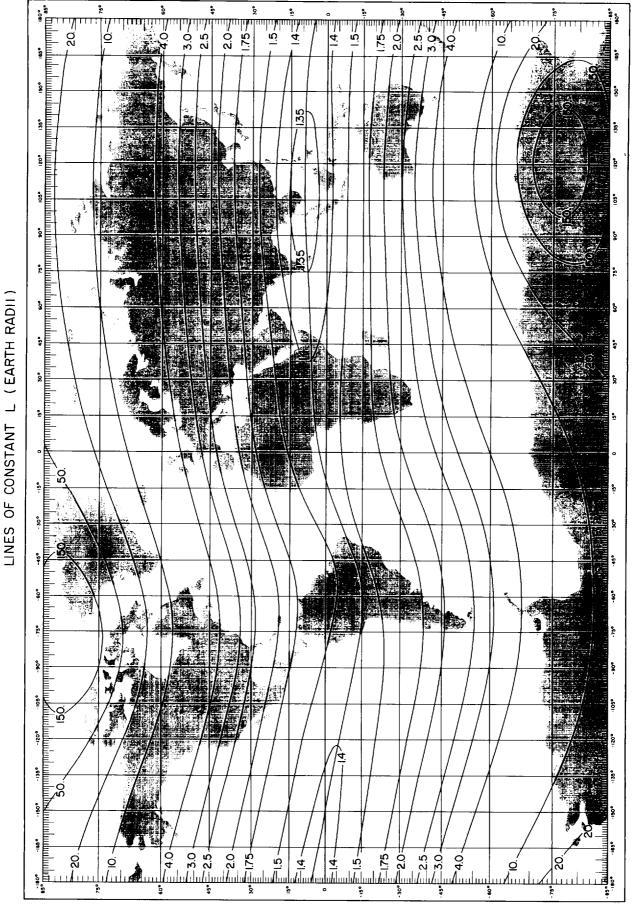


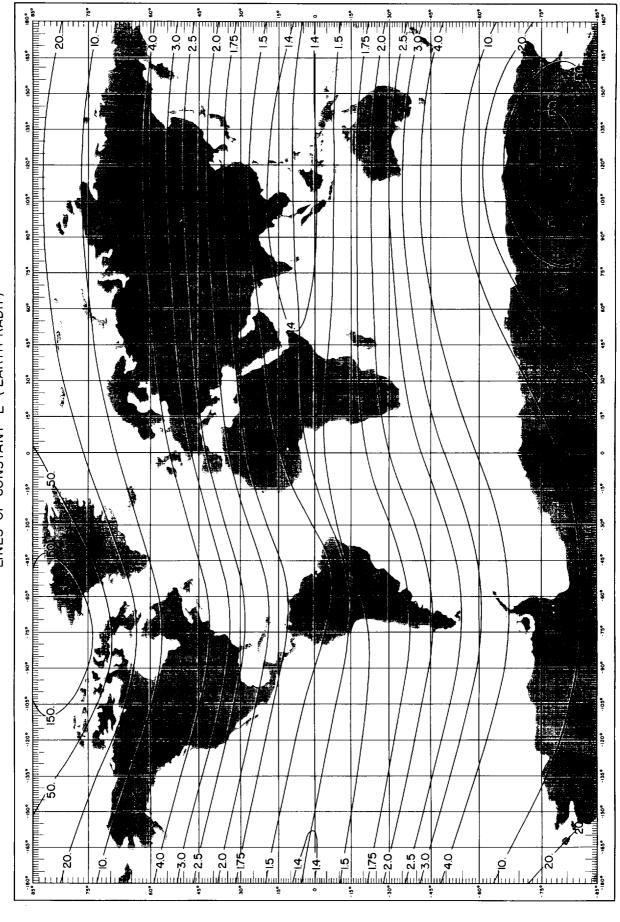
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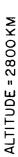
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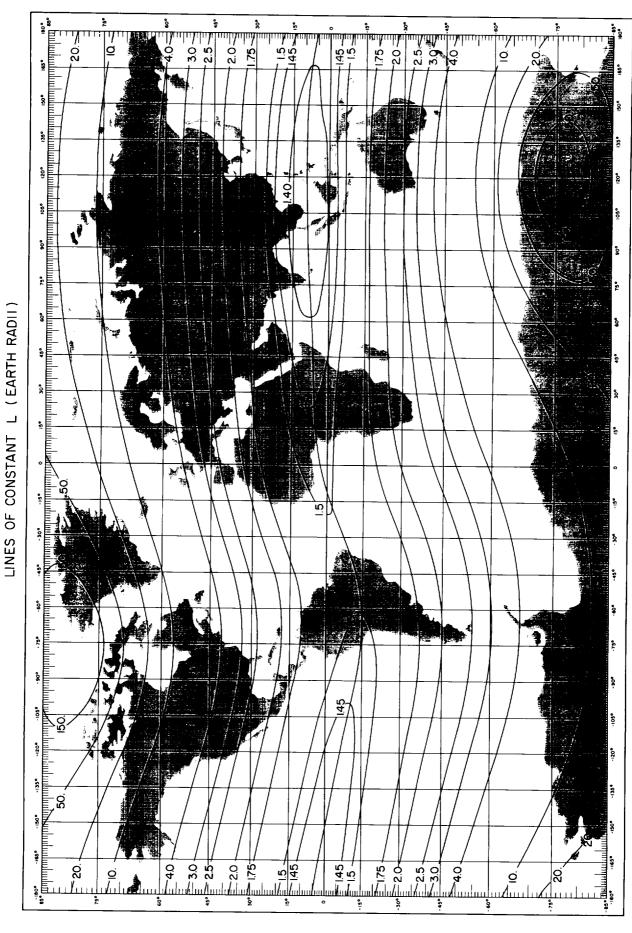
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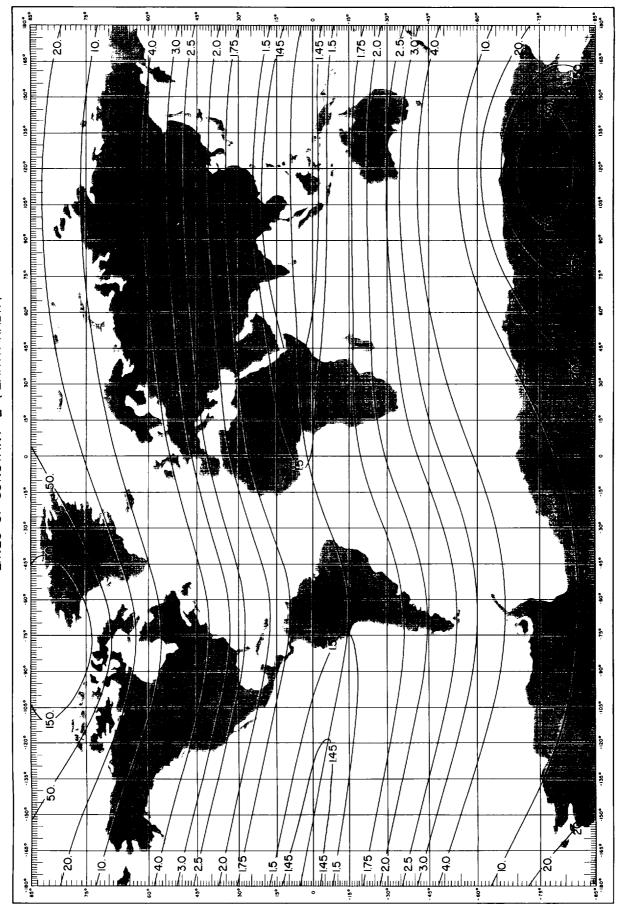


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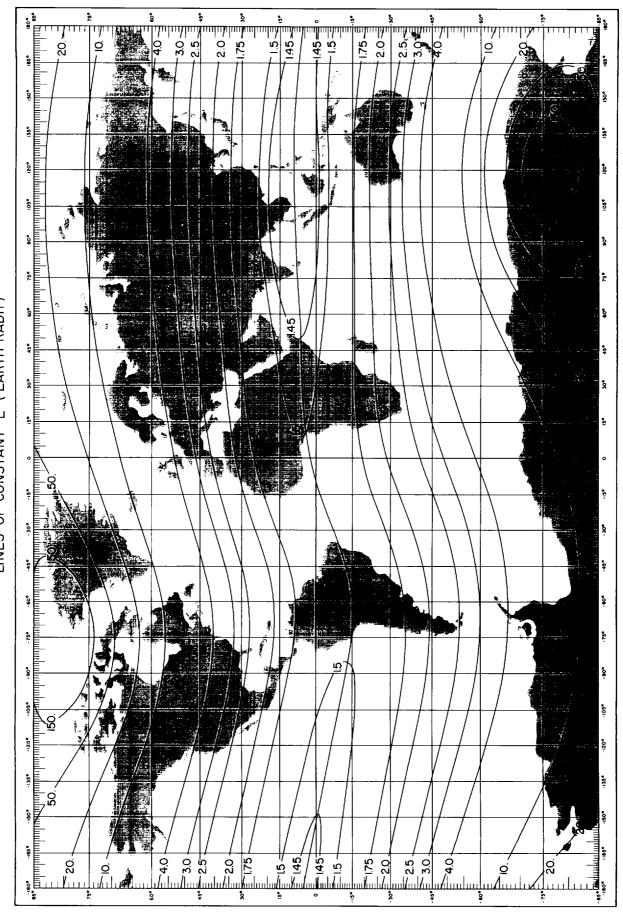


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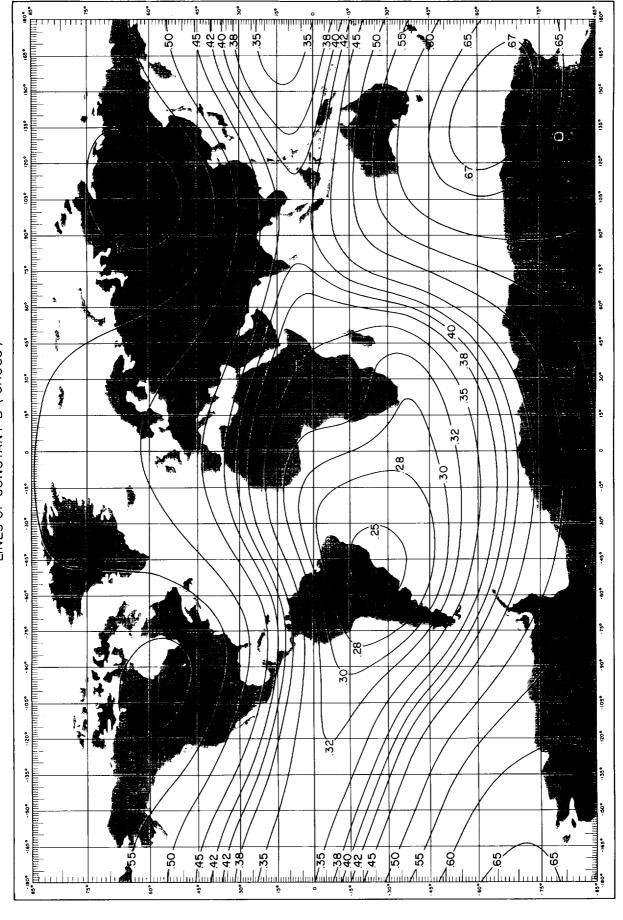
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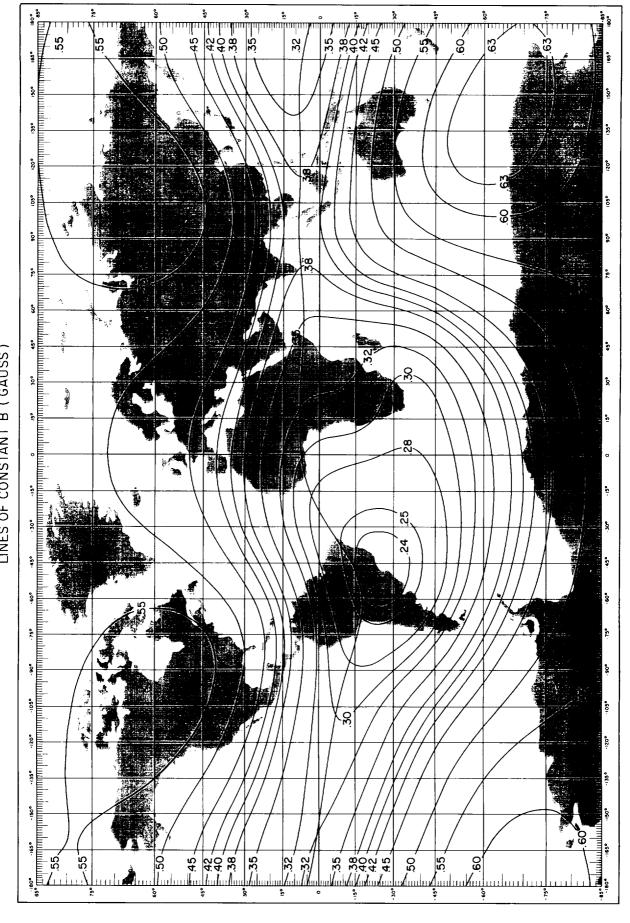
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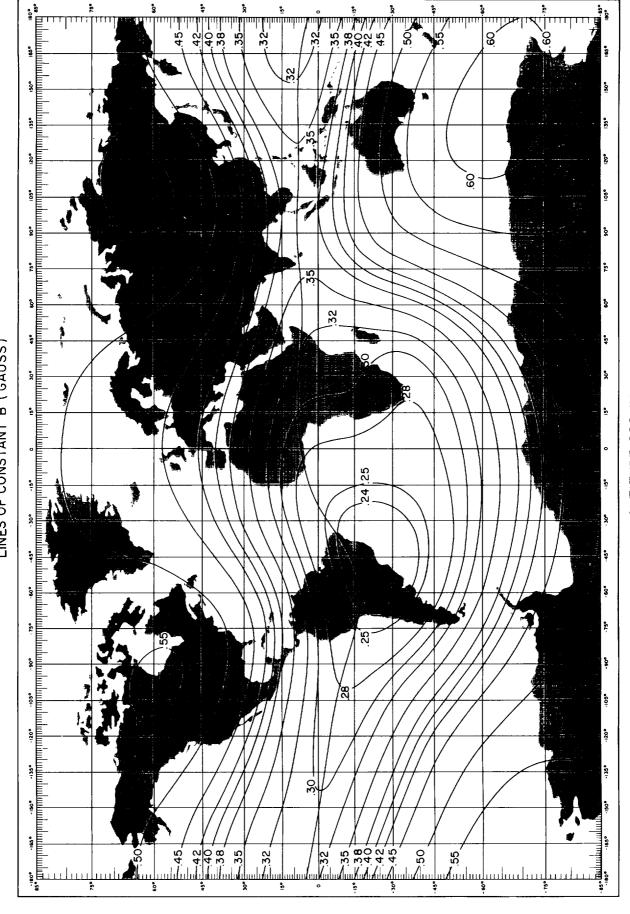
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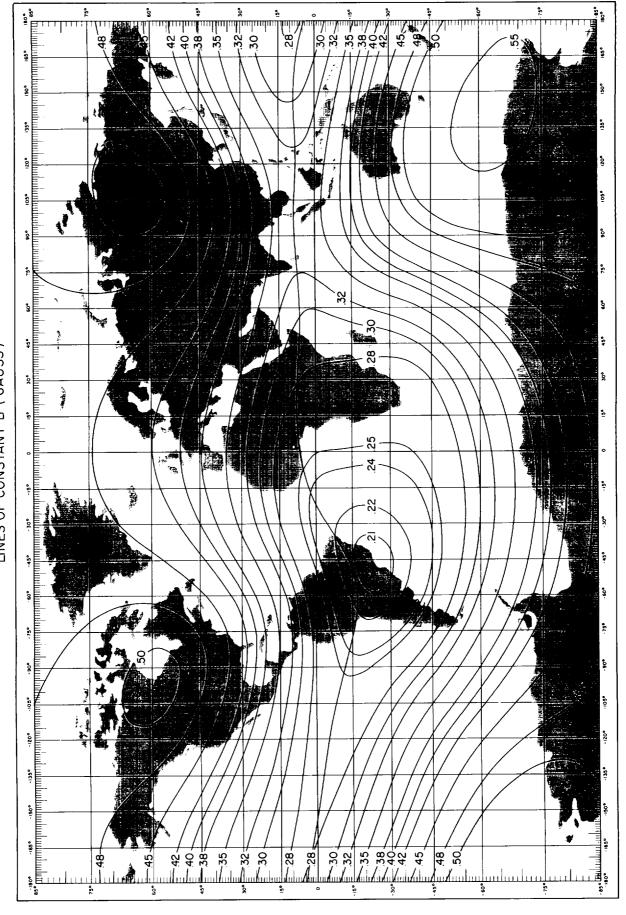
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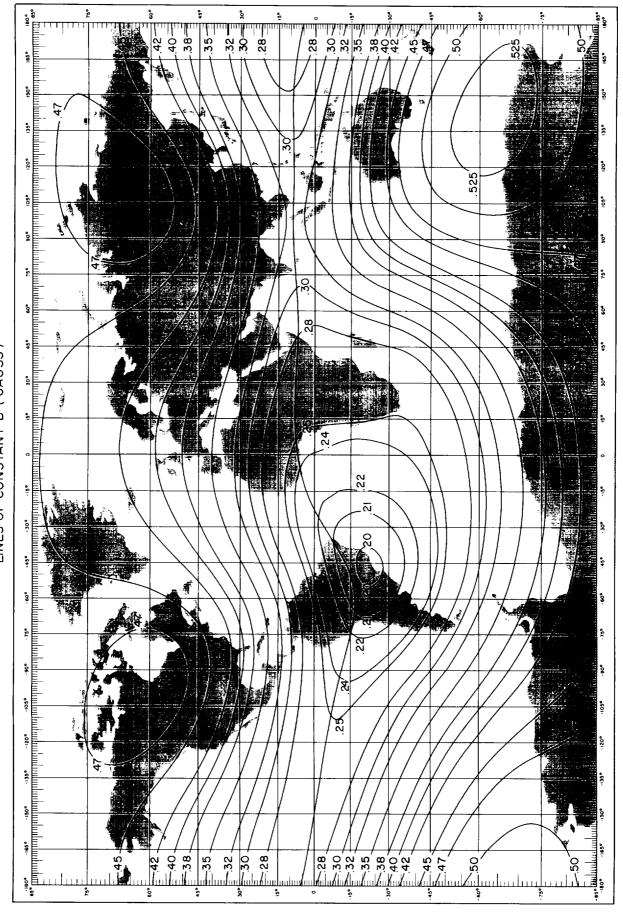
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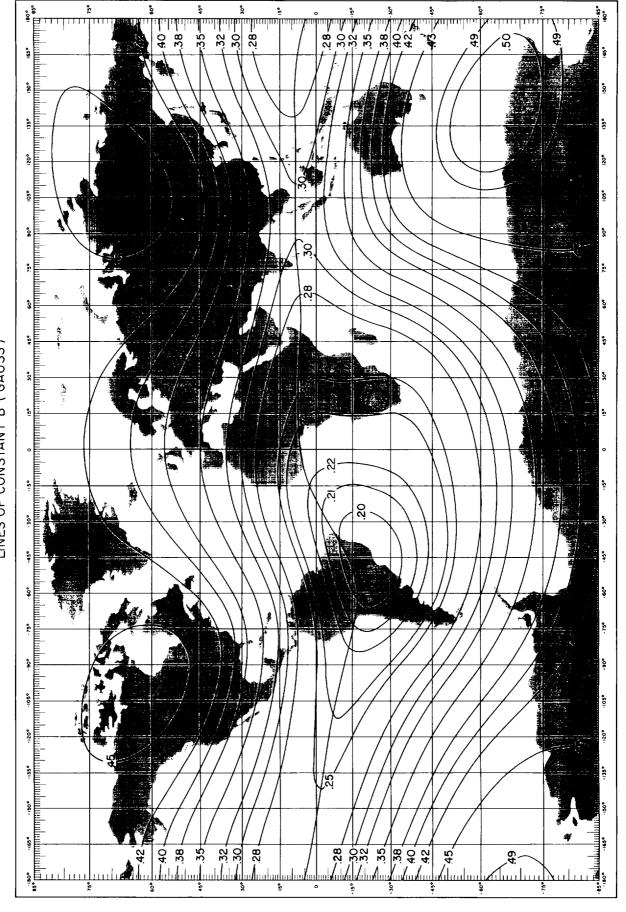


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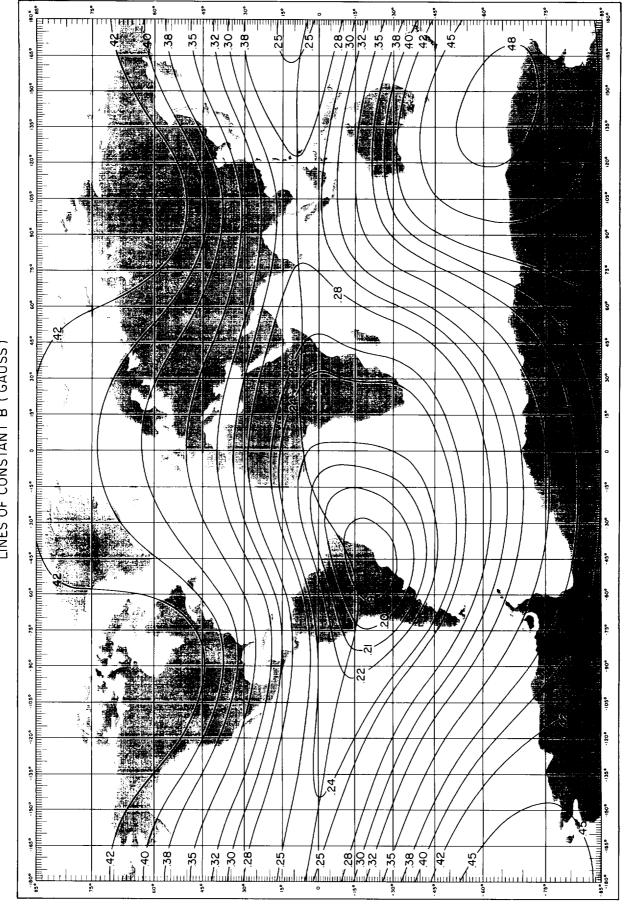
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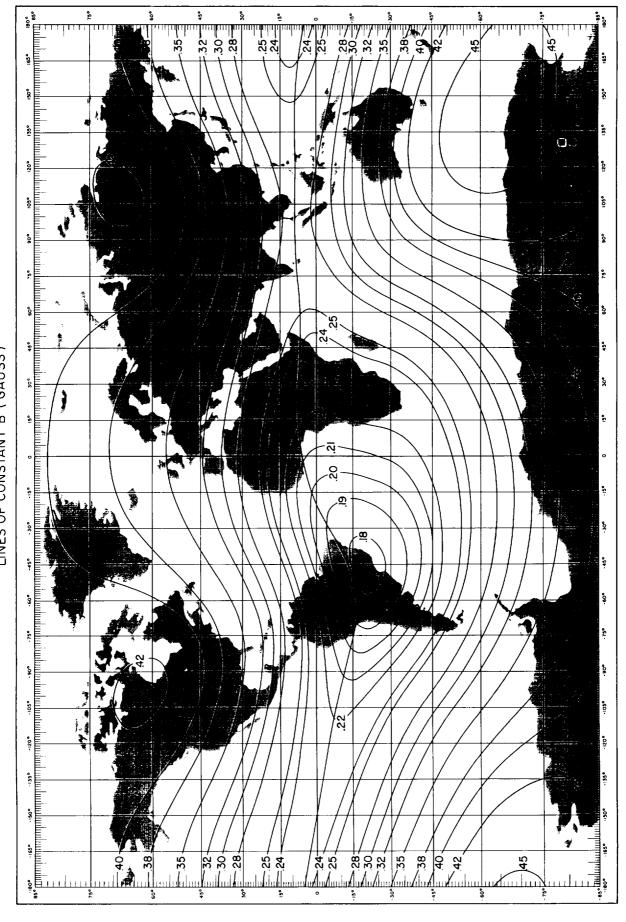
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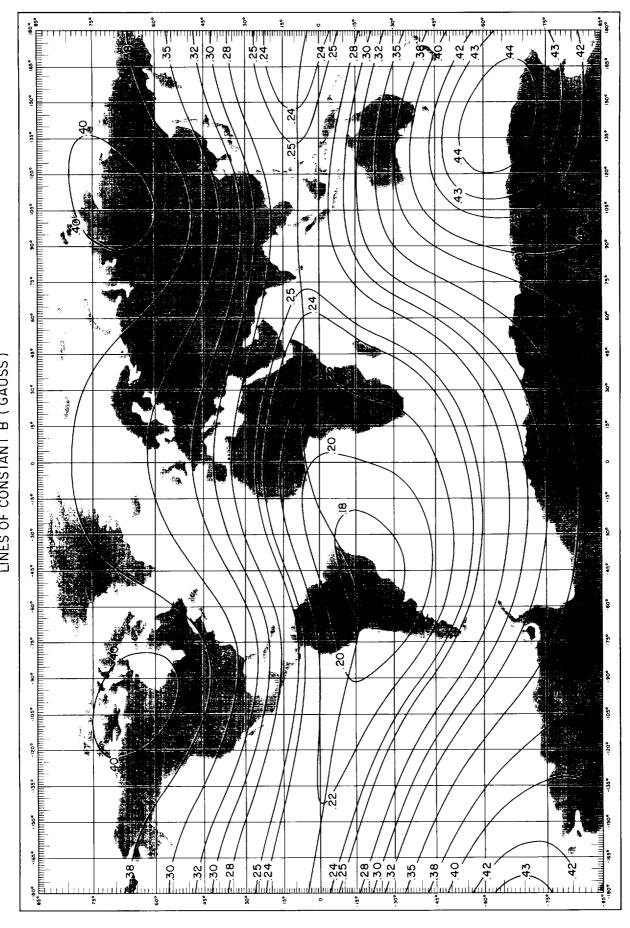
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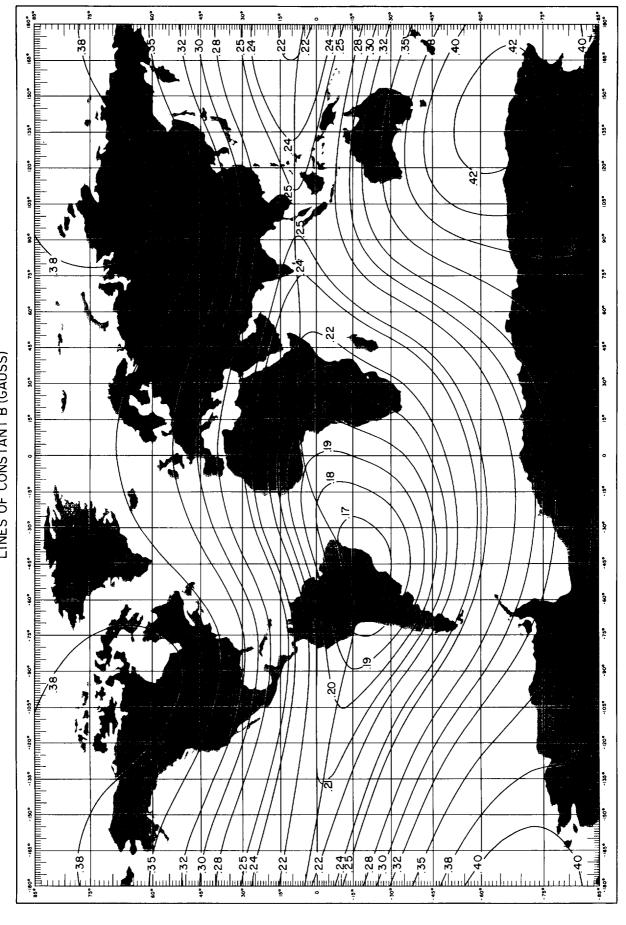
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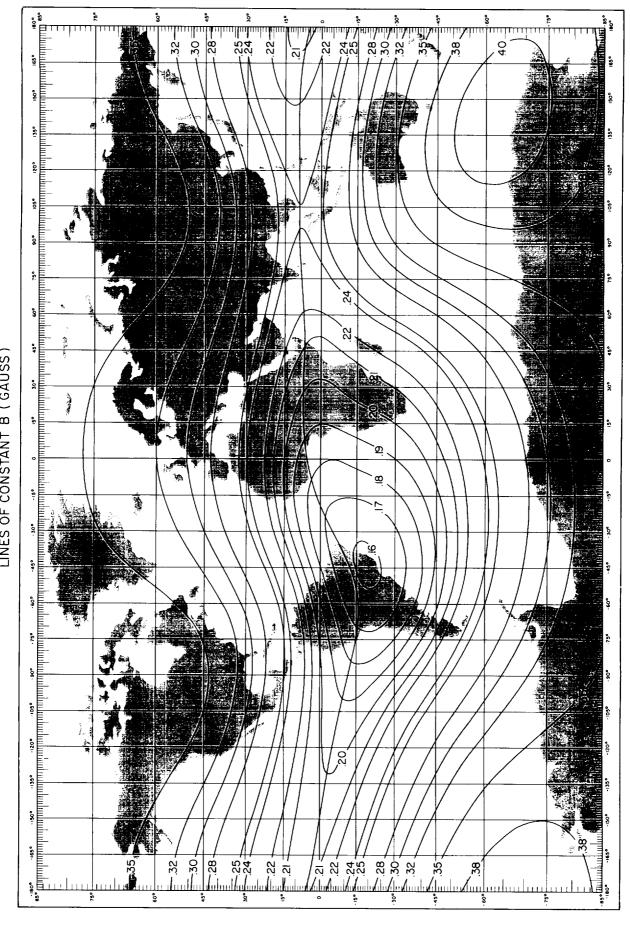
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LINES OF CONSTANT B (GAUSS)



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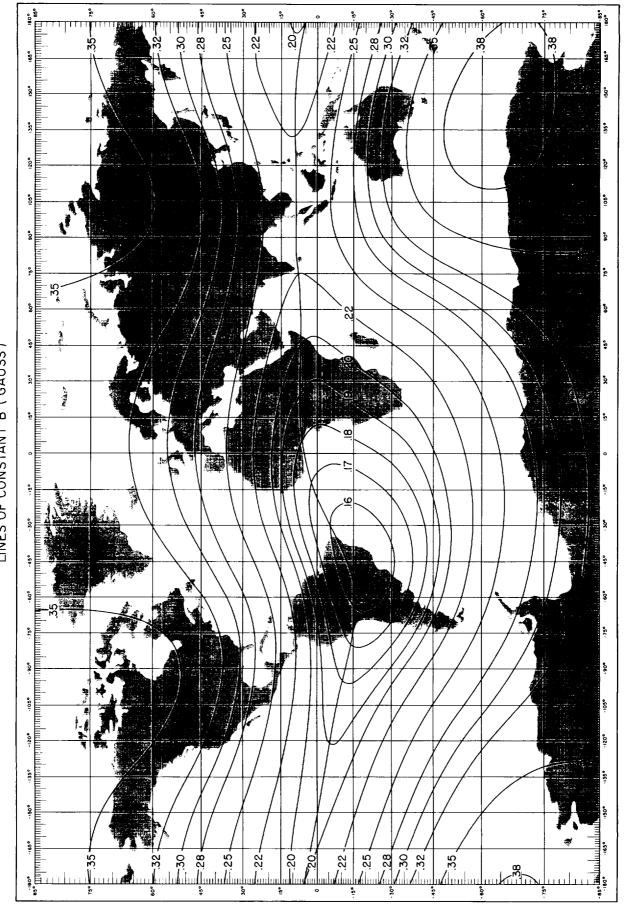
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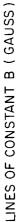


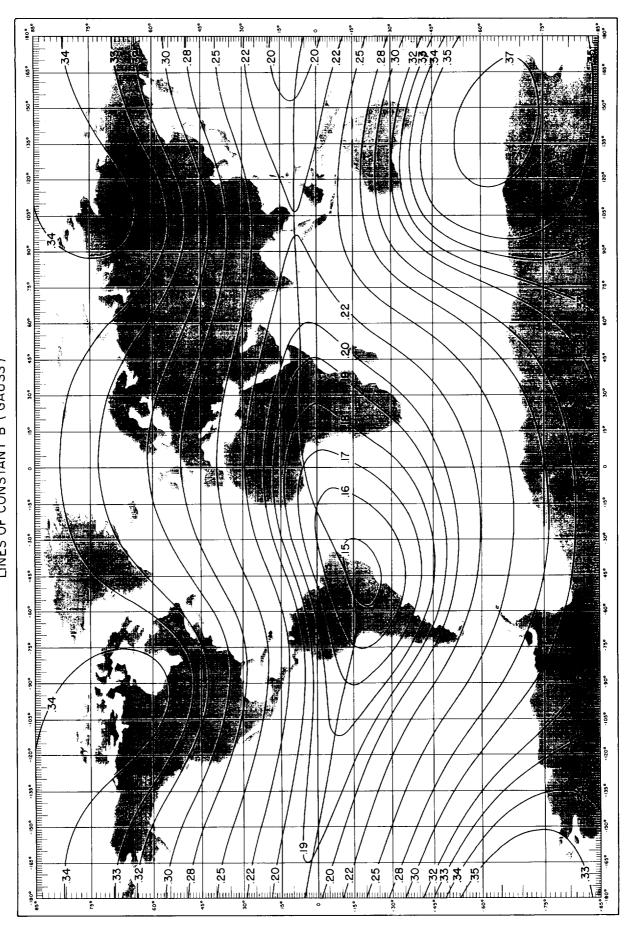
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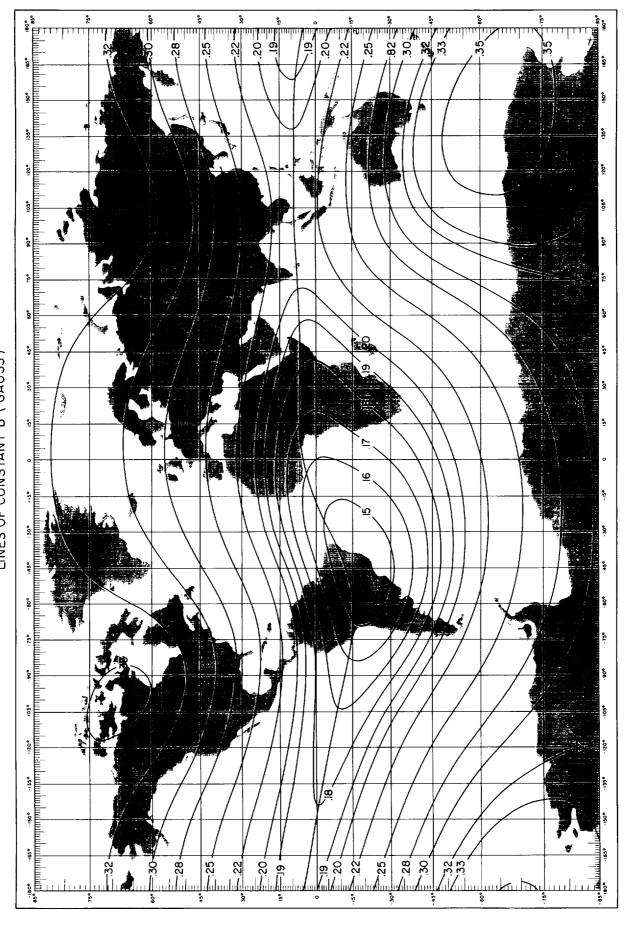






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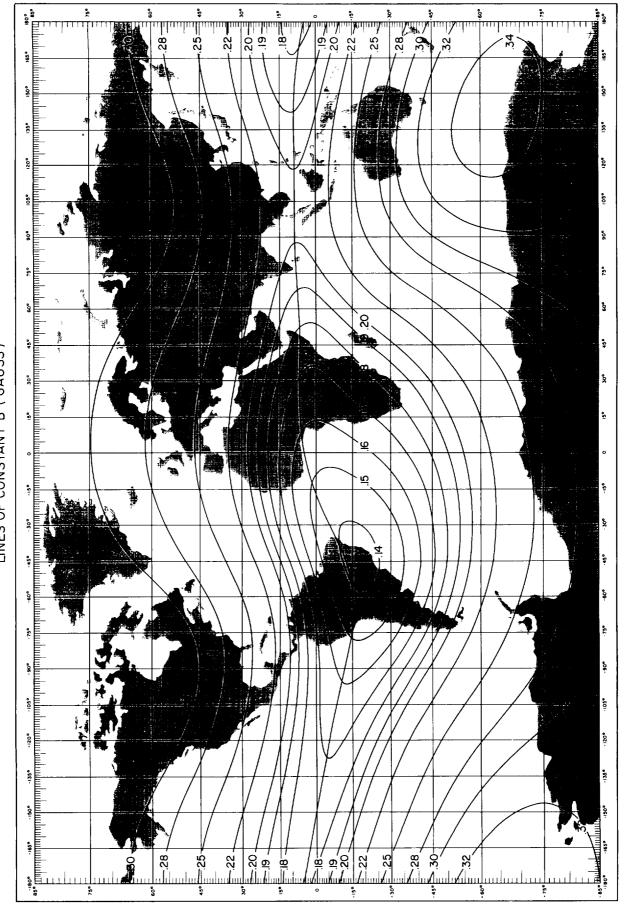
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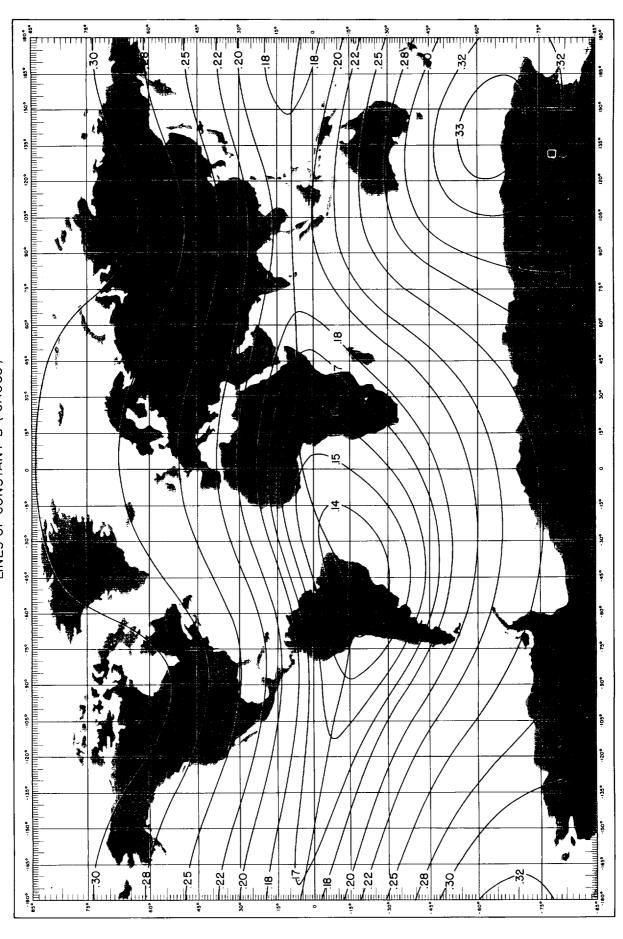


LINES OF CONSTANT B (GAUSS)



ALTITUDE=1500 KM

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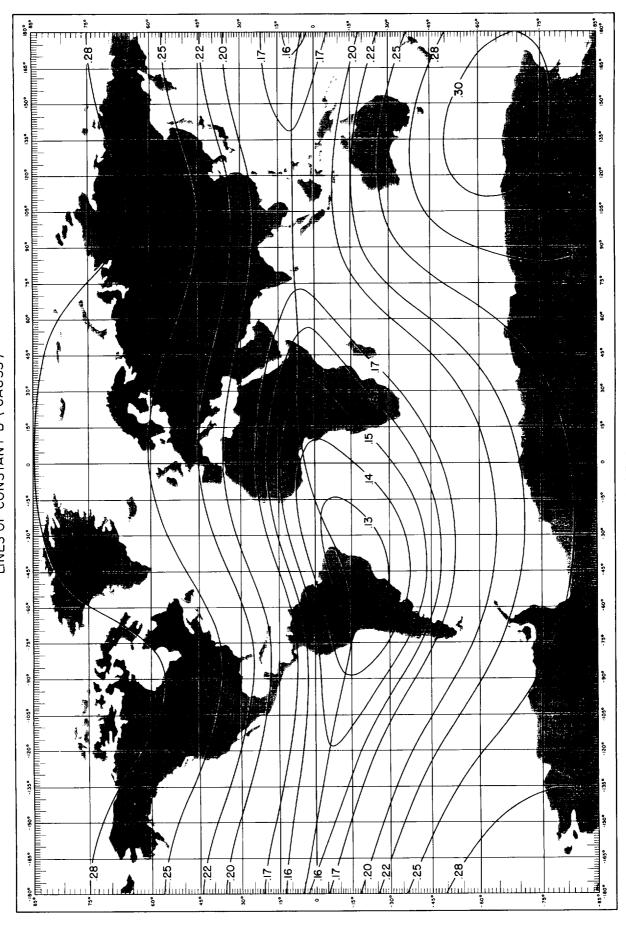


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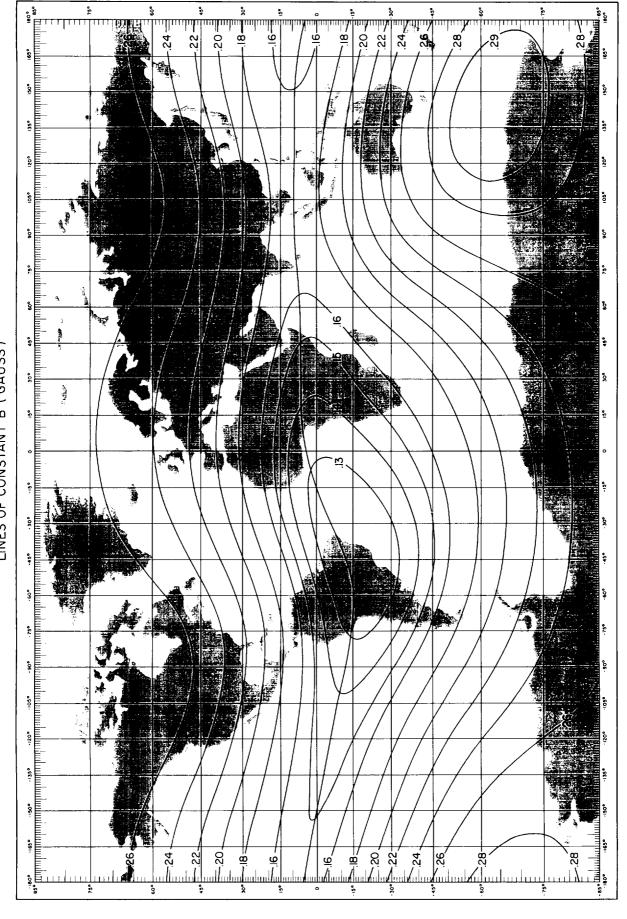
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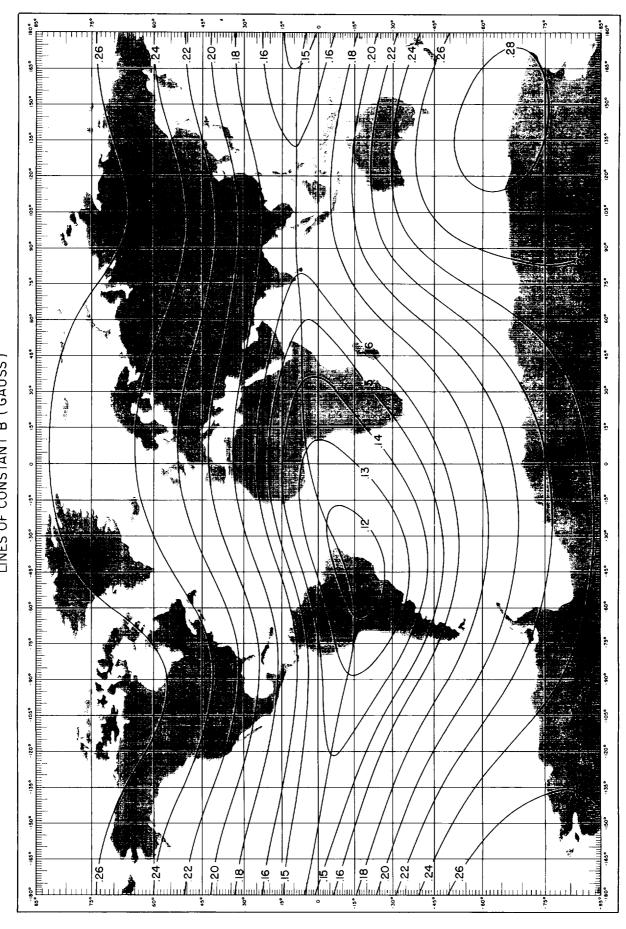


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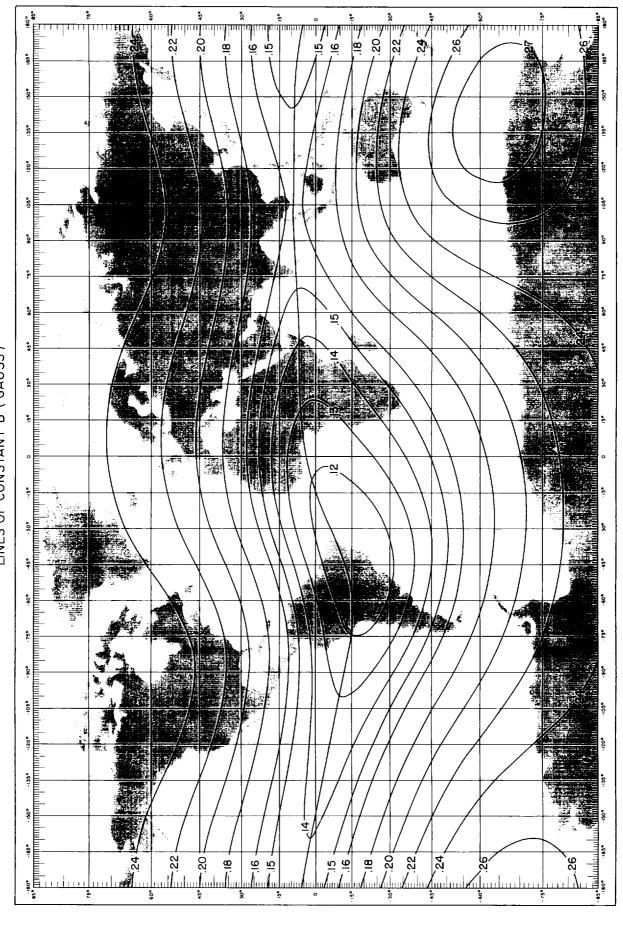


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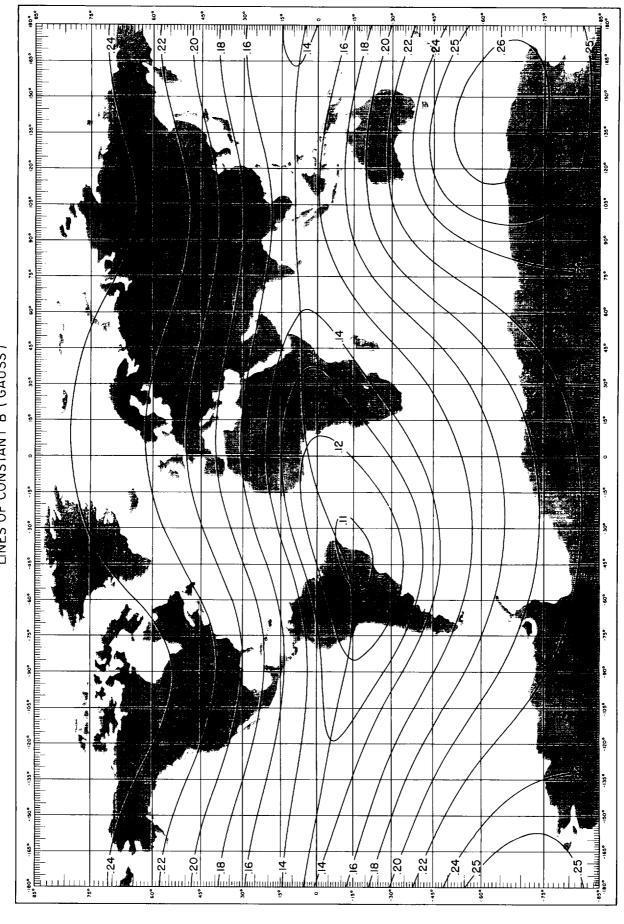
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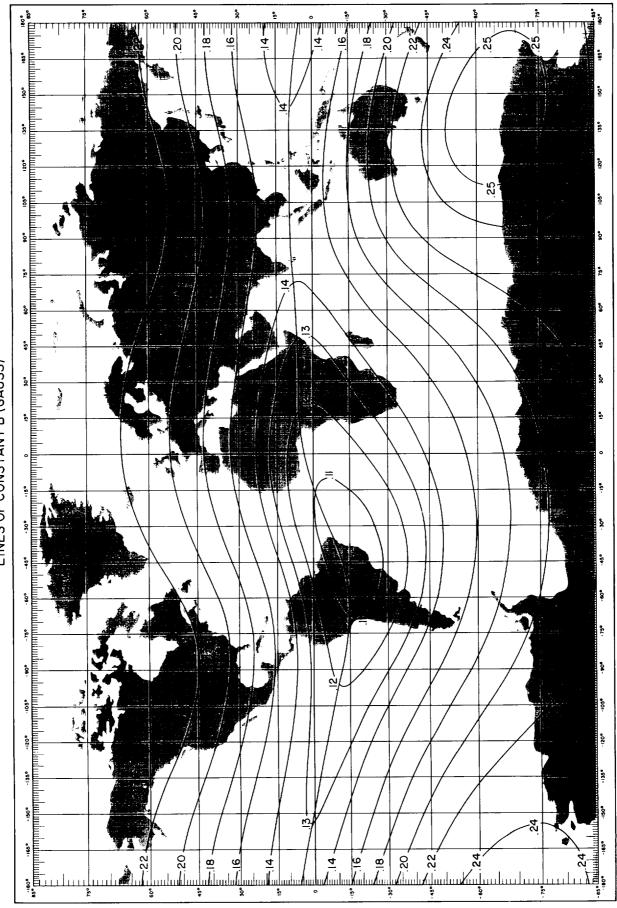
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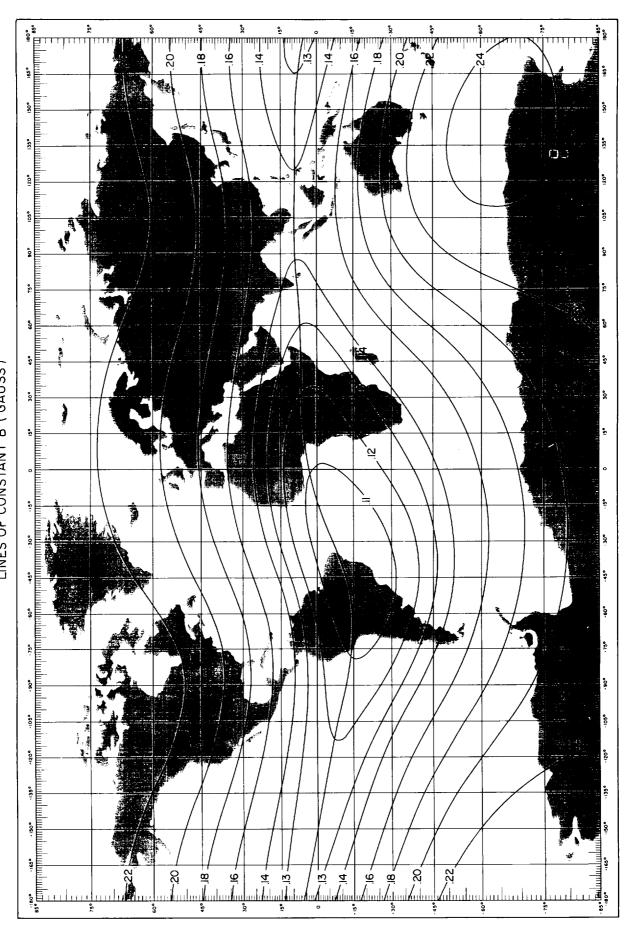
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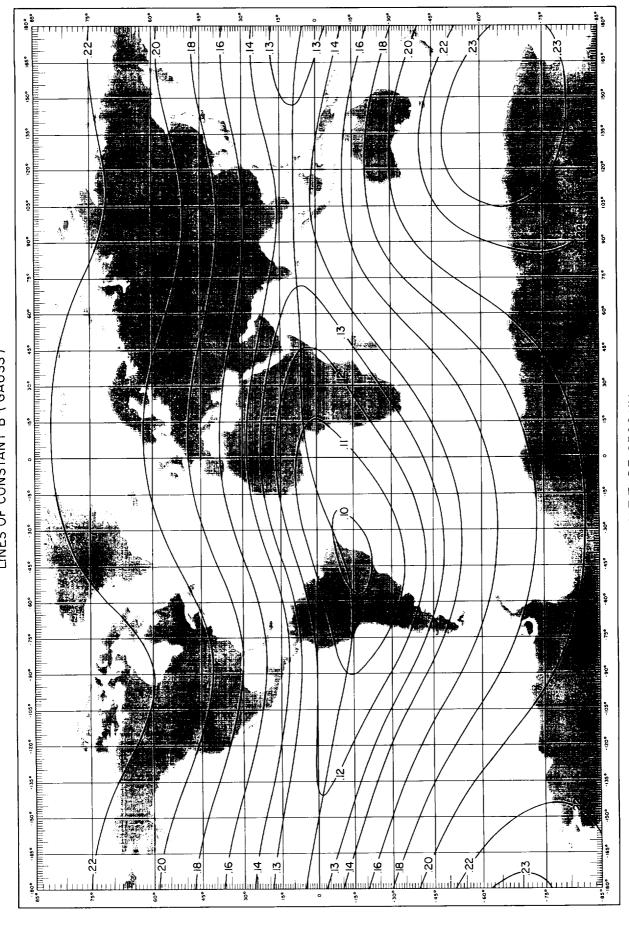
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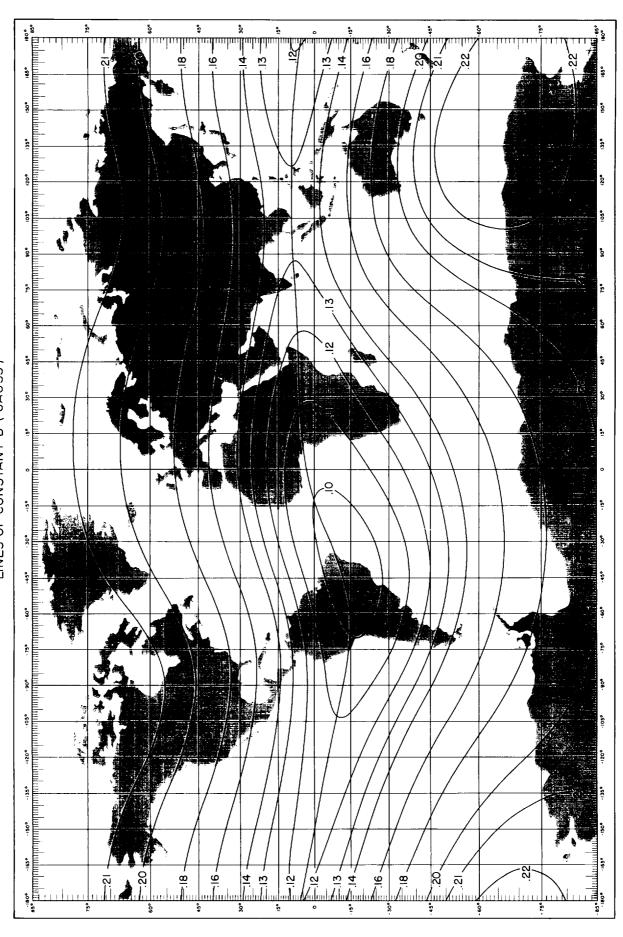
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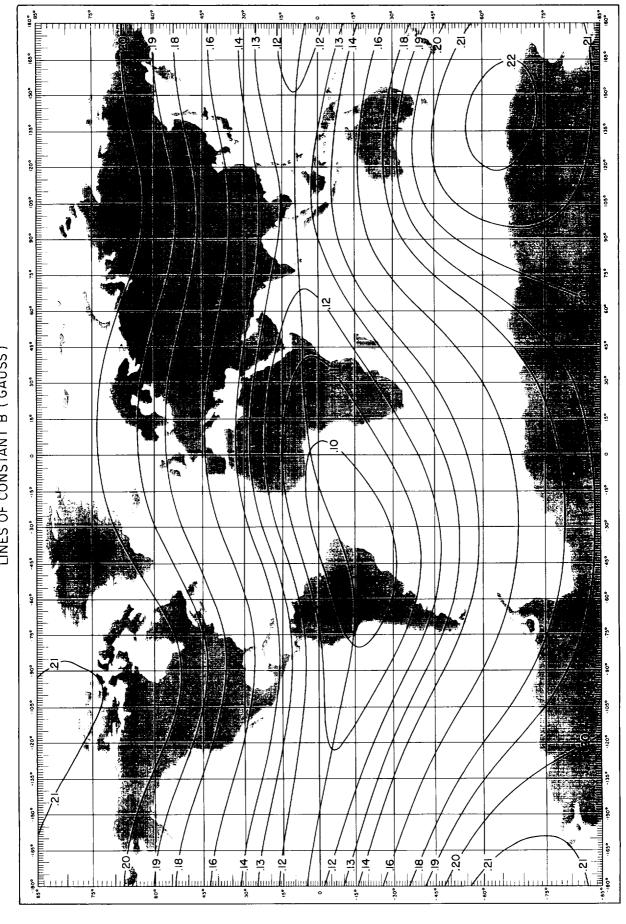


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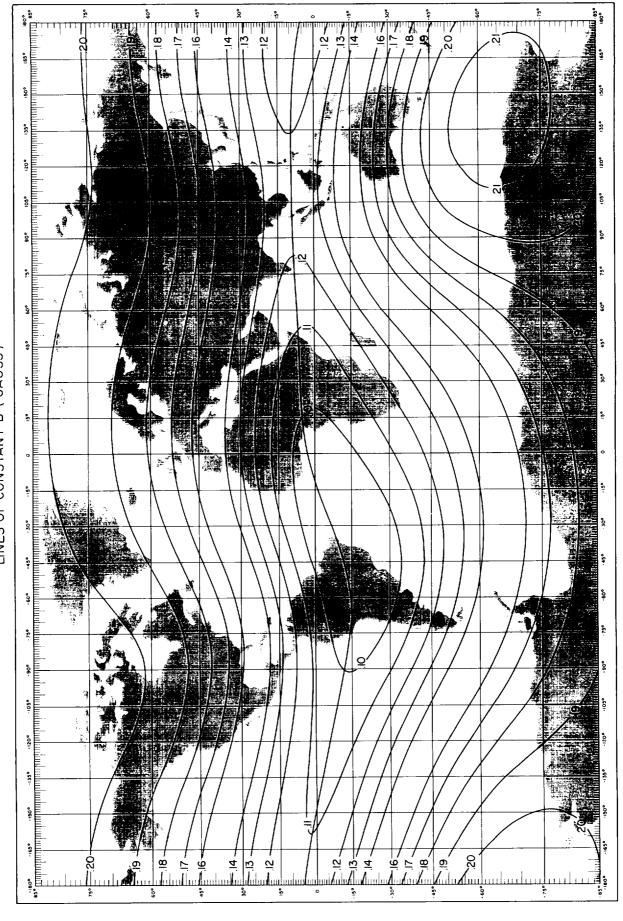


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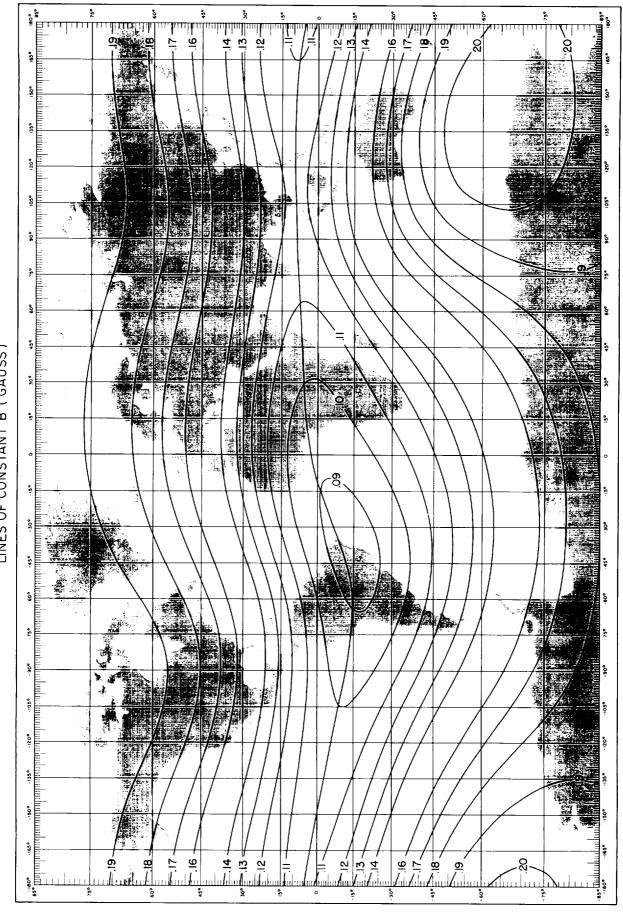
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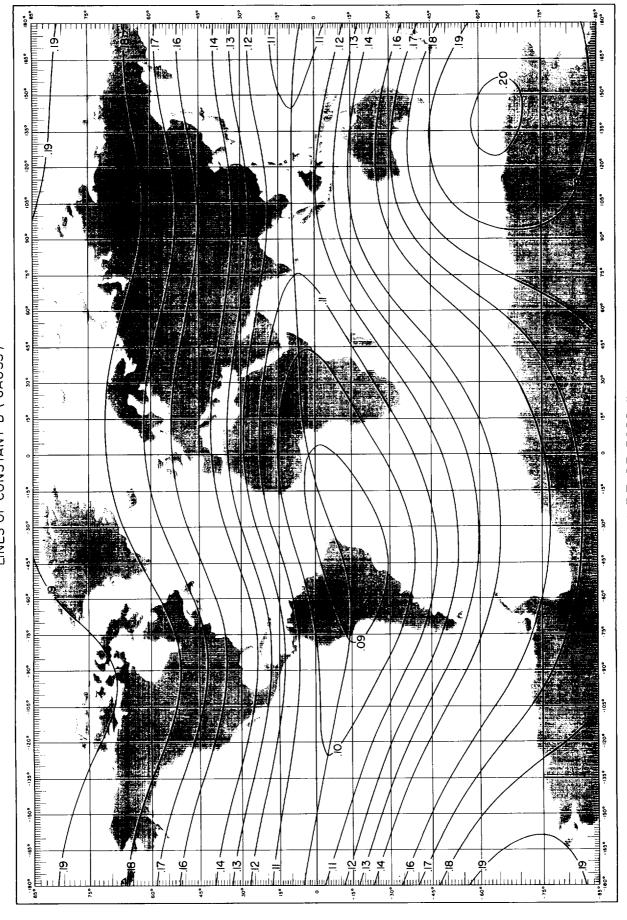
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ALTITUDE = 2900 KM



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ALTITUDE=3000 KM

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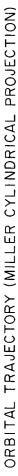
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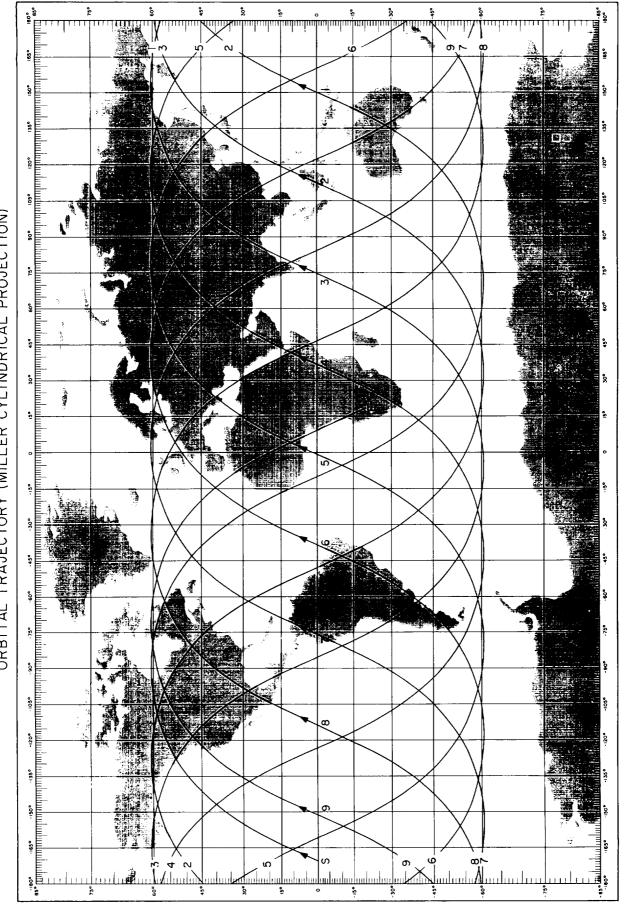
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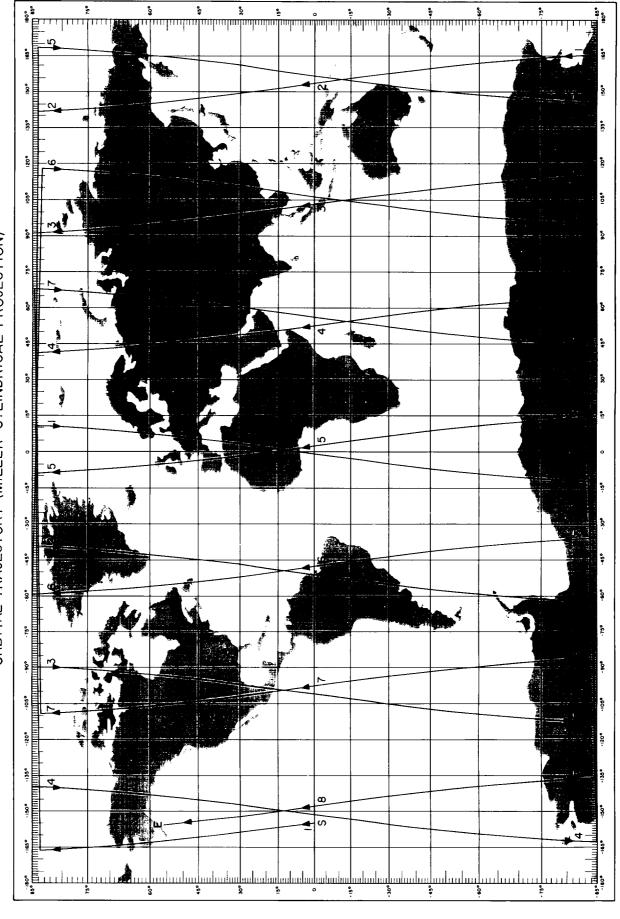




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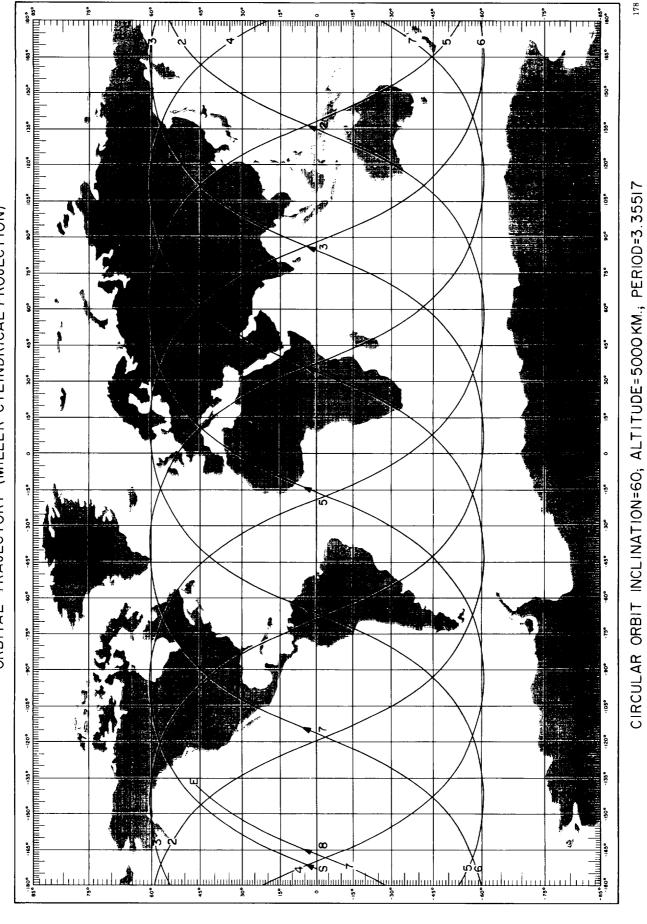
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